

Engineering and Public Works Memorandum

To: Committee of the Whole Council
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Subject: Mount Albert Downtown Revitalization Update
Origin: Engineering and Public Works

Further to the Council Memo Update on October 22, 2024, the purpose of this memo is to update Council on the status of the Mount Albert Downtown Revitalization project.

Project Updates:

Detailed Design and Landscape Plans

The detailed design and landscape plans are nearing 100% completion in collaboration with utility companies, Parks, Recreation, and Culture Department (PRC), Arts and Culture Advisory Committee and Accessibility Advisory Committee. The final aspects of the design drawing package were dependent on the final utility relocation designs.

Communication Plan & Economic Development

Public consultation and communication have occurred throughout the design phase of the project to guide the design. With further utility relocation construction approaching as well as the revitalization construction, the project team will be conducting the next wave of public communication and further consulting with area businesses on the proposed construction phasing plan in May, in collaboration with Economic Development.

Utility Relocations (Town)

At the time of writing the memo, the Bank Street private property utility relocations (hydro service conversions) contract is out for tender and the award is expected to occur shortly after closing. Staff anticipate the contractor to begin soon after the award, with completion by late May/early June.

Utility Relocations (Hydro One, Rogers, Bell)

Utility relocation designs are now complete and the first phase of Rogers utility relocations occurred in Q4 2024 along Centre Street, to facilitate the forthcoming hydro relocations. Once the Bank Street hydro service conversions are complete, Hydro One

is scheduled to begin in June 2025 and continue for approx. 2 months. Further, Rogers and Bell relocations will occur following Hydro One's scope of work.

Coordination with other Town Capital Projects (Road Rehabilitation Program)

The rehabilitation of Main Street from the west extent of the Revitalization limits to King Street are scheduled to occur in summer 2025, as part of the Revitalization tender package.

Centre Street, from the south end of the Revitalization limits to Mount Albert Road, remains forecasted for rehabilitation in 2026/2027, subject to capital budget approval. Construction would commence following the completion of the Revitalization, to mitigate construction conflicts.

Timing and Next Steps:

- Implement the next wave of Public Communication and consult with area businesses on the proposed construction phasing plan in collaboration with Economic Development – May 2025. Public communication to continue for the duration of the project (2025/2026)
- Advanced relocation/conversion of Bank Street private hydro services – Late May/ June 2025
- Construction Tendering – May/June 2025
- *Utility Relocations Window (Hydro One, Bell & Rogers) – Q2/Q3 2025
- Construction Tender Award Report – Q3 2025
- Construction Window – Q3 2025 to Q4 2026
- To accommodate the 100th anniversary of the Mount Albert Sports Day & Spring Fair (June 6-8), the project schedule prior to Fair will limit construction to utility relocations and minor works that can be restored or safely secured before the event .

The project remains on track to be completed on time, within budget, and in accordance with the requirements of the grant funding.

***Timing is subject to utility relocations occurring by Hydro One, Bell & Rogers. The utility timing for construction is a risk outside of the Town's control. Staff are in close contact with the utility companies and will continue to ensure the utility companies are made aware of the importance of advancing the relocations in a timely manner.**