



Ad-Hoc Grand Trunk Renewal

Committee

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| Working Group: | Infrastructure & Environmental |
| Report Date: | November 8, 2024 |

Requested Committee Direction:

The report is for information only.

Discussion Points:

The committee has been formed with the following members:

- Working Group Chair: Stephen Cooper
- Members of the Ad-Hoc Committee: Nic Flanagan, Barb Cottle
- Construction Manager: Iain Reynolds of Feltz Design Build
- Engineering Project Manager: Brent Powers of Artas Engineering
- Architect: Jeffery Atchison of SRM Architects

Overview of Previous Month

The working group did not meet during October.

We have completed our focus on the infrastructure requirements and sub-surface environmental issues. Our committee worked with Taylor Crinklaw (Director of Infrastructure for the City of Stratford) on his October presentation to the Ad Hoc Committee. The focus was to get all parties communicating and aware of the various issues City staff are already addressing.

Recommendations

Based on discussions with City staff and the presentation by Taylor we recommend the following:

- 1) Future City budgets and negotiations with developers need to consider the financial implications of any change of use and resulting environmental remediations.
- 2) Prior to proceeding with future engineering work (infrastructure and environmental), a master plan needs to be established. The master plan would outline the property uses, boundaries, and road network.
- 3) Lastly, the timelines for environmental approvals need to be considered in the schedule for development. It is advisable to have the environmental remediation (or risk assessments) completed prior to proceeding with development contracts.

Next Steps

The working group will be turning our focus to the future environmental considerations. The guiding principals approved by the Ad Hoc Committee outline sustainable development, net-zero carbon emissions, and green initiatives that require further clarification. Over the next few months, we plan to set up a few internal information sessions for the working group to better understand how this has been achieved in other communities and what steps must be taken by the Ad Hoc committee to make this happen on the Grand Trunk site.

Overview of Upcoming Month:

Summary of work anticipated for the upcoming month.

| Item # | Item/Action | By Whom | By When |
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| 1 | Meet with working group in December to review energy efficiency criteria and environmental sustainability. | S.Cooper | TBD |
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