

Beautification & Safety Committee

Minutes February 22nd, 2022 – 8:15AM

Virtual Meeting

Call to Order

A Beautification & Safety committee meeting was held on February 22, 2022 via Zoom. It began at 8:15am and was presided over by Committee Chairs Katie Bevan and Barry Klus.

Attendees

Katie Bevan, Barry Klus, Michelle Trudeau, Stephanie Booth, Corey Rounding, an unidentified individual, and executive director Amber Livingstone. Guests included Chris Bevan and Ralph Celentano from Clean Green Beautiful, and Bev Hillier from the City of North Bay.

1. Presentation from Chris Bevan on Clean Green Beautiful
Clean Green Beautiful litter initiative with DTNB. These good weather projects will allow CGB volunteers to help out in areas Downtown. We need to let them know our concerns. They are looking for cooperation and partnership with our Board.
 - Next steps: Engage business owners to get involved also.
 - Possible DTNB Spring Clean Up – community hours available to students whose parents work Downtown. Mental Health-ask if they are interested in assisting with clientele. CGB bags are exempt from bag limit through municipality.
 - Choose and share date for Spring Clean up.
 - CGB has a new website with bag application. Launch on Earth Day and continue until snow returns.
2. Presentation from Bev Hillier re: Downtown Rejuvenation 60% Preview
Bev clarifies that the project is not a big dig. She shared renderings on-screen, discussed sidewalks, concrete with exposed aggregate around it. Clearly identified crosswalk that will be official; meaning drivers will have to stop and allow pedestrians to cross. Festoon lighting on Ferguson Street between Main and Oak. Festoon lighting on both Main West crosswalks. Railing to integrate sections of public art; will work with Public Art Advisory Committee (PAAC) to commission artists. Accessible features at intersections and official crosswalks. Three phases to the project: Cassells to Ferguson, Ferguson alone, Ferguson to Sherbrooke. Each block will be completely finished before moving to the next block. Pedestrian access will be available on one side of the street, then construction will flip to the other side for completion. Trees may go in at the very end. There will be a City webpage for business owners, public, FAQs, downtown residents and news releases. Trees to be replaced with new trees and larger tree pits to help them thrive. 2 official crosswalks at ramps on Main West, third unofficial one will be removed. First one at alleyway, second one at old Lefebvre's building. Crosswalks on Main East at BMO and Capitol Centre. Will be maintained.
Project schedule is still being discussed, along with a communication plan. Final dates have not been set for construction.

Electrical hubs installed on each block for low voltage events; each block will have its own circuit.
Contractor has not been selected at this time; they will be mandated to hire a business liaison. Promotion and marketing plans will be implemented for the duration of the construction.
Looking at a 2-year project. Public information session will be help.
Please send your questions to Amber at the office.

Next Meeting Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at 8:15am.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08am