



## **DOWNTOWN CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION/CHARRETTE**

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Downtown Central Business District Community Improvement Plan (“Downtown CBD CIP”) was adopted by Council in September of 2010. The Downtown CBD CIP provides a vision and direction, including a program of financial incentives, detailed Urban Design Guidelines, streetscape guidelines and a land use strategy, for the revitalization of the Downtown CBD CIP project area. The conceptual land use plan contained in the Downtown CBD CIP is intended to act as a catalyst to create a diverse, mixed use area with a wide range of commercial activity, services and housing. The preparation of detailed streetscape design drawings will assist the City in articulating its specific development goals and communicating them to the community while outlining a feasible development strategy for the implementation of streetscape works within the Downtown CBD CIP project area.

In August of 2010, Council approved Planning and Development Services Report 2010-66, which recommended that Council budget \$100,000.00 to begin the preparation of detailed streetscape design drawings, which would be combined with a grant that was secured by the City from the South Niagara Futures Development Corporation (SNCFDC) for a matching \$100,000.00 for a total of \$200,000.00. The maximum value of the grant from SNCFDC was secured.

In December of 2012, Council endorsed the Detailed Design of the Downtown Central Business District Community Improvement Plan under Engineering & Operations Report 2012-40.

In May of 2017, at a Special Meeting, Council directed Staff to prepare a report regarding options to establish a working group to refine the existing Downtown Community Improvement Plan design, to include consultation with appropriate stakeholders regarding the areas of concern

In June 2017, Council endorsed Staff’s recommendation to hold a Public Information Session/Charrette on July 5, 2017 to gather feedback from the stakeholders/residents.

The City is requesting that any residents and property owners interested in the proposed improvements to the Downtown CBD CIP area shown below to attend the Public Drop-in Session to view the proposed design documents and provide comments on:

**Date: Wednesday July 5, 2017**  
**Time: 5:30pm – 6:00pm – Short Presentation**  
**6:00pm-7:00pm – Open Forum**  
**Location: Council Chambers, City Hall**

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