

Uxbridge Downtown Revitalization Committee

October 28, 2021 (Via Microsoft Teams)

Minutes (Note: the meeting was recorded)

- Present:
- Willie Popp, Ward 4 Councillor ToU
 - Todd Snooks, Ward 5 Councillor ToU
 - Larry James, Business owner
 - Don Andrews, Business Owner
 - Hailey Weatherbee, Architect
 - Roger Varley, Resident
 - Terry Baskin, (Accessibility Representative)
 - Dennis Milenov, Business owner
 - Craig Miller (EDAC)
 - Mike Whiston, (Tourism Advisory Committee)
 - *Judy Risebrough, ToU Project Manager
 - *Wai Ying Di Giorgio, The Planning Partnership
 - *Donna Hinde, The Planning Partnership
 - *Mike Hudson, The Planning Partnership
 - *Carolyn Puterbough, Agriculture and Rural Economic Development Advisor.
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 - *Glen Macfarlane, Program Coordinator, Rural Economic Development, Region of Durham Economic Development
 - *Danielle Culp, Planning Analyst, Region of Durham, Planning & Economic Development
 - *Ben Kester, Director of Public Works (ToU)
 - *Mike Klose, ToU Building Inspector
 - *Courtney Clarke, Manager, Parks & Trails (ToU)
 - *Colleen Baskin, ToU Communication officer and Admin Assistant
- Regrets
- Dave Barton, Mayor ToU
 - Shelley Macbeth, Business owner
 - Joan Crosbie, Historical Preservation
 - Mark Christoff, Business Owner
 - Nancy Mann, (Chamber of Commerce)
 - Lynn Klages, (Library Board)
 - Patricia Bush (BIA)

- *Stacey Jibb, Manager Agriculture and Rural, Region of Durham Economic Development
 - *Kristyn Chambers, North Durham Tourism Specialist, Region of Durham Economic Development
 - *Ashlea Brown, Dir. Regulations, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA)
 - *Dave Ruggle, Planner, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA)
 - *Kristi Honey, ToU CAO / Project Sponsor
 - *Tobi Lee, ToU Deputy Treasurer
 - *Amanda Ferraro, Director of Community Services (ToU)
 - *Debbie Leroux, ToU Clerk and Director of Legislative Services
- (note: * indicates a committee resource)

1. Disclosure of pecuniary interests:

Judy Risebrough, opened the meeting at 1:32 and asked if anyone had a disclosure to bring forward. None were presented.

2. Review of the agenda:

Judy Risebrough, presented the [agenda](#). Craig Miller motioned to approve the agenda, Willie Popp seconded. Approved

3. Review of Minutes of last meeting:

Judy presented the [minutes](#) of the October 7th meeting. Roger Varley motioned to approve the minutes with the correction, Don Andrews seconded. Approved

4. Business arising out of the minutes:

The project plan updates will cover any items related to the minutes.

5. Project Plan Update

1. Business Survey Highlights

- Glen Macfarlane reviewed the [Business Owner survey](#) results as they are related to the vision priority statements.
- The presentation allowed the committee to understand what Business Owners considered as priorities as only 5% of the replies to TPP were representative of business owners.

2. The Planning Partnership (TPP)

- Donna Hinde and Wai Ying Di Giorgio worked the committee through the six “working conceptual sketches” they had developed.

Highlights from the discussion:



Sketch #1: (Town Square – north side of Brock over culvert)

- Lawn area was replaced with hard surface, gazebo added in the square and a curb cut, bollards and accessible parking spot was added.
- A question was raised whether we should have a parking space in front of the town square. Committee agreed to leave the spot.
- It was noticed that the building on the left is now three storey and the one on the right are four storey.



Sketch #2: (Corner of Brock & Toronto)

- The proposed building on the north-east corner is shown as 4 floors, with the 4th floor stepped back so it is not as visual from the street.
- The statue of Col. Sharpe should be incorporated due to the importance of the location.
- Recommendation to incorporate more arched windows and brick work to reflect the “heritage” look.
- The “cobble stone” concept is to reflect a special condition where pedestrians have priority. The actual street treatment could be different than cobble stone but it should be decorative that provides a traffic calming element.
- The sketch also incorporates a “bump out” which are shown to be at every intersection for traffic calming.



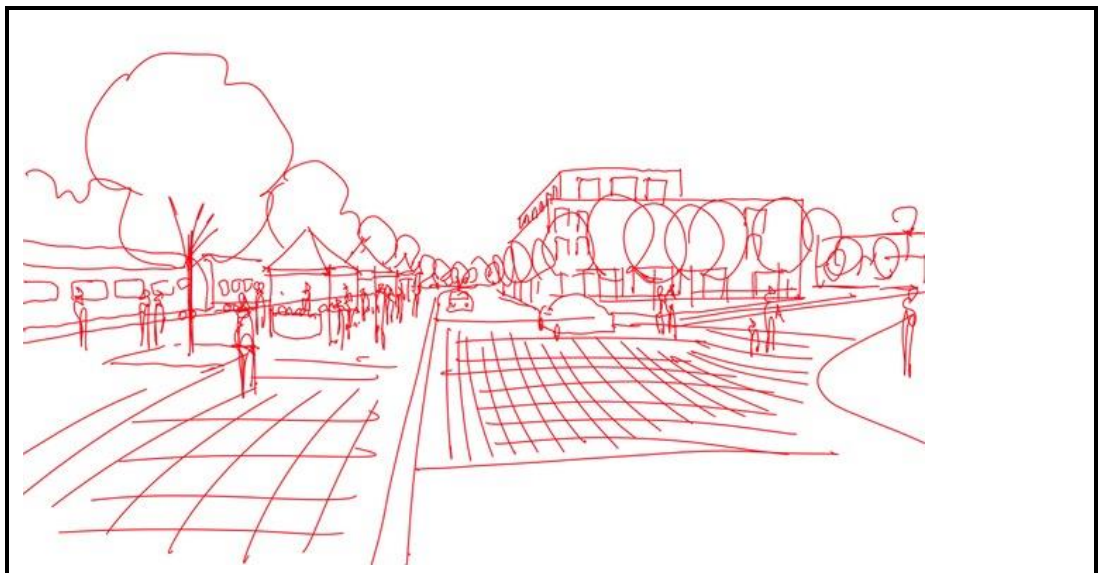
Sketch #3: (Corner of Albert and Toronto St. looking east to Town Square)

- This is looking at the space between the buildings and is trying to reflect the change in topography.
- Again, this shows the street treatment that provides pedestrian priority.
- This shows the building to the left (further north) as a 5 storey while the one on the corner of Toronto and Brock is 4 storey.



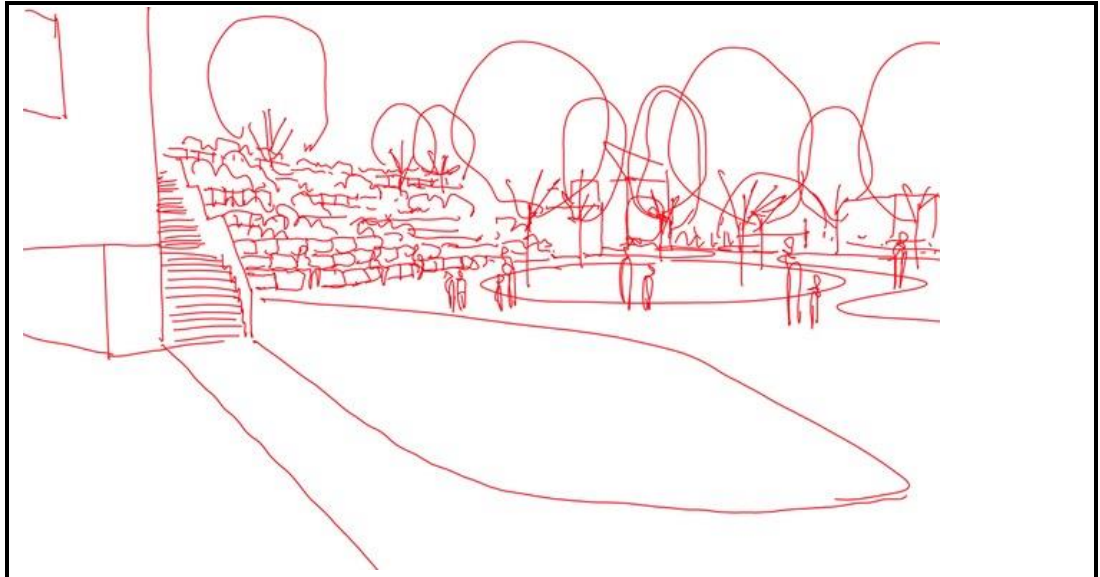
Sketch #4: (Looking east on Upper Brock Street from Church St.)

- TPP is recommending that angle parking be removed – would result in more sidewalk available for pedestrians.
- Committee suggested adding a crosswalk at the corner across Brock Street to allow pedestrians to not have to go down to Toronto to cross safely.
- TPP suggested a depressed curb as well as the cross walk.
- TPP was asked to provide some suggestions for streetscaping that the Township could consider going forward while recognizing that Upper Brock was recently redone.



Sketch #5: (Looking north toward the Train Station at the corner of Railway St. & Albert St)

- TPP explained that the red Heritage building is behind this drawing
- Recommend drawing in the Train Station to give residents a perspective understand the location
- Committee recommended removing some of the railway cars and showing a pathway across to the other side of the tracks to create the “district” feeling.
- Liked showing the tracks, without the railway cars being front and centre.
- Left the kiosks – not to replace the farmers market but add the option for “pop up” or expansion. Notes would show that this could also be a more permanent structure.
- TPP suggested changing the view and provide more detail to the left of the drawing, particularly the crossing etc.



Sketch #5: (showing the Amphitheatre beside the Library looking at Centennial Park)

- Committee requested that the Library and Roxy be added to the background

Next steps:

TPP will finalize the sketches and incorporate them into the final report which they hope to have completed by mid-November.

1. We will plan a virtual meeting the 3rd week of November for other committees (Accessibility, Heritage, Active Transportation) to provide them an update prior to the report going to Council.
2. The recommendation would be to go to Council on December 6th.

6. Round Table Updates

- Danielle will follow-up with the Region regarding the status of the bypass signs. She also provided a brief update on the Freight and Goods Movement Strategy and indicated that there will be a forum in the Spring of 2022 to understand the key topics in the Region.

7. Next meeting November 25, 2021 - 1:30 p.m.