

THE MUNICIPALITY OF LAMBTON SHORES

Report DPW 14-2025

Council Meeting Date: August 12, 2025

TO: Mayor Cook and Members of Council

FROM: Nick Verhoeven, Director of Public Works

RE: King Street Forest Design Public Consultation

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report DPW 14-2025 regarding the design for King Street Forest Construction be received; and

THAT Staff undertake public consultation before recommending the final preferred design to Council.

SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the King Street West (Downtown Forest) street reconstruction project and recommends further public consultation.

BACKGROUND

In 2024 Council received a presentation from the Forest BIA on King Street West Forest and ideas on future construction plans. The presentation was focused on re-imagining King Street in the downtown area. Lambton Shores had budgeted money to replace the sidewalks downtown and that money was repurposed to start engineering a future reconstruction project on King Street.

Staff engaged an engineering consultant through a Request for Proposal process, GEI Engineering Consultants, to work on the engineering and design for this project.

The engineering work has reached appoint where there are a number of options that could be considered largely focused around increasing sidewalk space and implementing one-way traffic. Staff are proposing further public consultation in order to finalize project details and to obtain input from the community. To date council has received a presentation from representatives of the BIA and may wish to hear from the community as a whole before making a final decision on the preferred design.

Staff are proposing a dedicated project website on Lambton Shores website to post drawings and information and receive comments from the public along with social media notices. Staff are proposing a public open house in September.

The comments received will be considered to create a final preferred design for approval by Lambton Shores Council.

ALTERNATIVES TO CONSIDER

No other alternatives are presented at this time.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Staff are recommending that Public consultation be undertaken in order to complete the King Street Forest Design.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None

CONSULTATION

None