

KING STREET WEST REVITALIZATION

THE 2024 PLAN TO RENEW THE HERITAGE SHOPPING DISTRICT OF FOREST

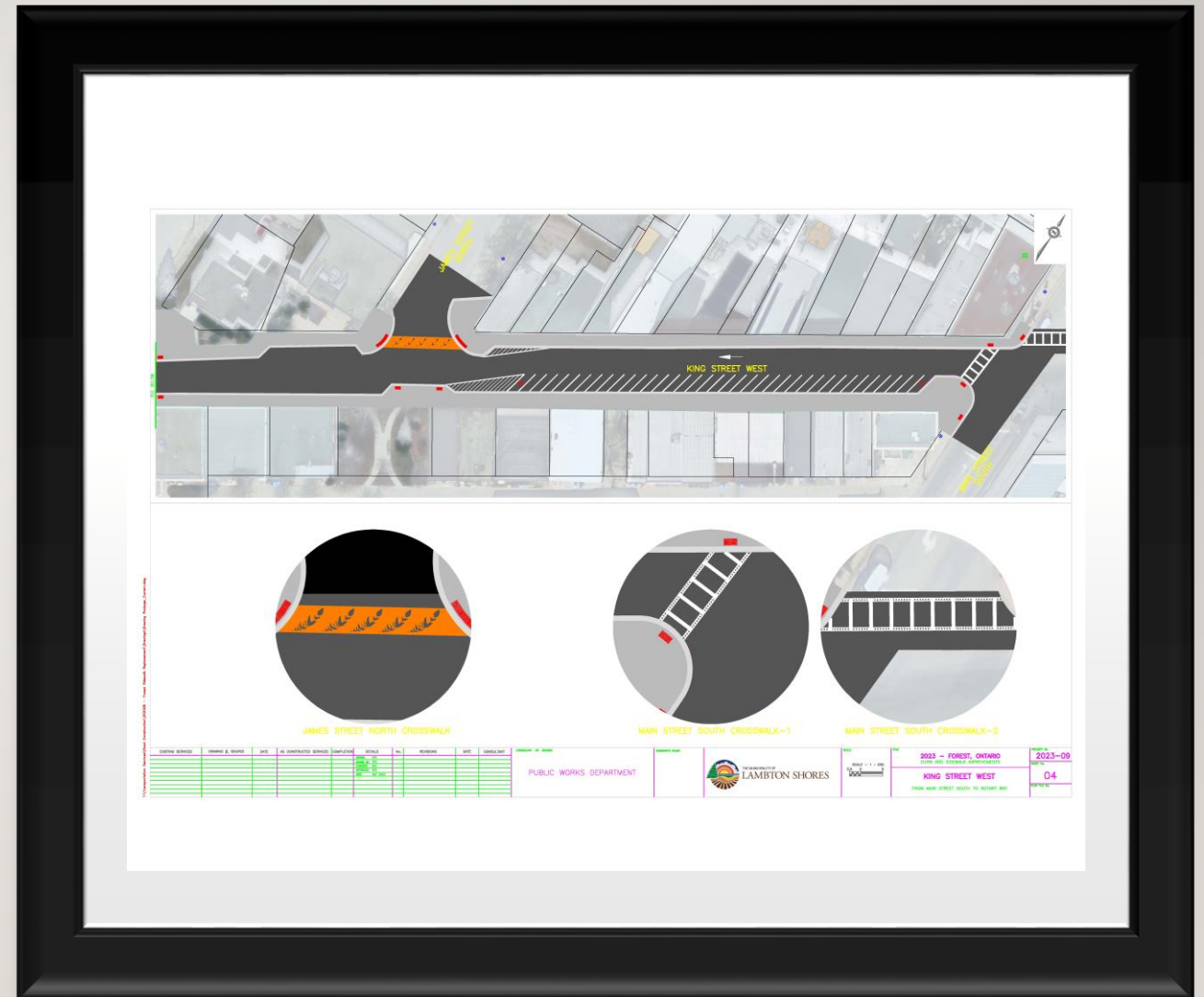


OUR GOAL AS A MULTI GROUP COMMITTEE

- **As a committee made up of members of the Forest Kiwanis, Forest Business Improvement Area, the Forest Collective and the Forest Garden Club we have put our heads together and developed a malleable vision for the King Street West area of the Forest business district to take us into the next decades.**

TRAFFIC FLOW

- The one-way concept was the clear choice among three choices that we initially came up with.
- It has been presented to key players in the downtown to overwhelming acceptance.



SIDEWALK RECONSTRUCTION

- Changing the traffic flow not only allows for more parking it allows for our sidewalks to be extended up to a meter in total.
- This will allow for greater pedestrian safety and potential patio scenarios



FOCAL POINTS

- We see focal points within the downtown
- This will aid in attracting visitors who may otherwise dismiss the downtown as they pass through on highway 21
- Focal points will create interest and athletics within the area



PARKING

- With the new one-way traffic flow parking spaces will be increased by nearly 10%
- Parking will become less stressful with the 45-degree angle parking and our demographic isn't getting any younger



SEASONAL USE - SUMMER

- Summer use of the area would consist of:
- The Friday Farmers Market
- Film Festivals
- Children's Festivals
- Music Festivals
- Art Festivals



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SEASONAL USE - WINTER

- Winter use would consist of:
- Winter markets
- Holiday Festivals
- Tree lighting



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VACANT PROPERTY

- There are vacant properties currently owned by the Municipality within this area that we would very much like to be part of the future planning of their use.
- Of course we have ideas we would like to share
- We feel the acquisition of these lots will greatly assist with the revitalization of downtown Forest
- Please include us in your decision making.



HOW DO WE GET THERE?

- Our committee realizes that this is a once in a lifetime project that will affect the viability of downtown Forest for years to come
- It needs planning on our part, your part and on the community at large
- It needs funding. Funding from grants, funding from the municipality and funding from the organizations represented by this presentation. The BIA, and the Kiwanis, with elbow grease and thought by the Forest Collective and the Garden Club
- If we want this to happen, and we do, it needs co-operation from all parties
- We trust you see our vision and we thank you for your time and consideration

