

## **Kawartha Lakes Municipal Heritage Committee**

### **Downtown Lindsay Reconstruction Proposal Comments and Recommendations**

#### **Overall Comments:**

- A key goal in the design and reconstruction project must be to conserve and enhance the heritage character of Downtown Lindsay
- The Downtown Lindsay Heritage Conservation District Plan and the Streetscape and Facade Design Guidelines and must be taken into consideration in the reconstruction of streetscape areas in Downtown Lindsay

#### **Design Board 2 - Kent Street**

The Committee prefers Option 2: without a median and with wider boulevards for the following reasons:

- It maintains the historic vista which is designated under the Ontario Heritage Act and is recognized as the signature characteristic of Downtown Lindsay. Any type of median will visually interrupt the view from both the north and south ends of Kent Street
- It will maintain the open, wide street space of Kent Street which plays an important cultural function as the setting for key cultural events, activities and parades

#### **Design Board 3 - Peel Street and Russell Street West**

The Committee favours Option 2, for the following reason:

- This option is more conducive to heritage tourism because it maximizes pedestrian and vehicular safety, which facilitates heritage tourism

#### **Design Board 4 - Cambridge Street**

The Committee favours Option 1, for the following reasons:

- The wider boulevard space supports pedestrian activity and heritage tourism

#### **Design Board 5 - William Street**

The Committee considers this Option be acceptable from a heritage perspective

## **Design Board 6 - York Street North**

From a heritage perspective, the Committee favours Option 2, for the following reasons:

- Reducing traffic volumes and introducing pedestrian boulevards will improve pedestrian access to the riverfront areas from the downtown, provide potential seating / resting areas and encourage cultural activity and heritage tourism in this section of the downtown
- Vehicular traffic will be reduced but still open with access to parking areas which are also important for heritage tourism. Removable bollards provide the option of opening the street to traffic if required.

## **Lamp Post Preferences**

The committee members submitted recommendations that included either Option B, C or D, with a slight preference for Option B.

**Note:** Please consider working with Economic Development – Arts, Culture and Heritage to introduce a Public Art Installation in the road surface at one of the major intersections in the Downtown that could tell the story of Kent Street's width – through horse-hoof and cartwheel indentations in the paved surface.

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