

## **West Peterborough TIF Public Infrastructure Improvement Project**

### **PUBLIC MEETING**

**November 10, 2007**

**Masonic Hall • Union Street • West Peterborough**

**Present:** Town Staff - Carol Ogilvie, OCD Director from the Town; representing the Louis Berger Group - Joseph McKeever, Jim Purdy, Brian Clogston, Timothy Higginson and Jeffrey Hyland; and approximately 25 members of the public were in attendance throughout the two-hour meeting.

The meeting opened at 10 am with welcome and introductions by Director Ogilvie, who gave a brief overview of the process to date. She informed the attendees that all materials that are developed for this project, including photos and agendas and minutes, are available at her office and on the Town's website. Ms. Ogilvie then turned the meeting over to Jeff Hyland and Jim Purdy of the Louis Berger team to facilitate the remainder of the meeting.

Mr. Hyland explained that the Team had taken the comments from the last meeting and transferred this input to the tissue paper sketches that were displayed at the front of the room. The sketches were of various traffic calming and corridor improvement treatments for Union Street and Wilder Street. The sketches were divided into several corridor sections that had been examined at the first visioning meeting on October 12, 2007; the concepts as presented by Mr. Hyland illustrated that the different sections of the corridor warranted different types of traffic calming and improvements. The concepts presented on the sketches included sidewalks, crosswalks, on-street and off-street parking, and street trees. Mr. Hyland explained that the different sections of corridor called for different treatments of any or all of these features; for example, one type of traffic calming as one enters the district would be different from another type of traffic calming once inside the district.

The public questioned whether there would be property takings for any of this work. Ms. Ogilvie responded that the Town had no plans to take anyone's property, and the consultants further explained that all design work is being done within the existing right-of-way. Other comments from the public addressed the following concerns:

- Access to the Post Office building and the adjacent businesses for tractor trailers is important and must be considered in the final design.
- The prior work and planning of the Parks Committee needs to be respected and honored in the final design.
- Too many street trees will result in a more urban look that is not desirable.
- A safe location for children waiting for the bus at Wilder and May is important.
- Are there snowplowing/snowclearing issues with traffic islands that make them impractical for this climate?
- Can there be a right-turn lane from Route 101 onto Union Street from the east?
- Care should be taken to not brighten the night sky too much from any planned street lighting.

The meeting adjourned at 12 Noon. The next meeting has not yet been scheduled, but notice will be posted and mailed when a date is set.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ogilvie