

West Peterborough TIF Public Infrastructure Improvement Project

PUBLIC MEETING

October 20, 2007

Masonic Hall • Union Street • West Peterborough

Present: Rodney Bartlett, DPW Director and Carol Ogilvie, OCD Director from the Town; and Joseph McKeever, Jim Purdy, Brian Clogston, Timothy Higginson and Jeffrey Hyland for the Louis Berger Group. Approximately 25-30 members of the public were in attendance throughout the two-hour meeting.

The meeting opened at 10 am with welcome and introductions by Director Bartlett. He turned the meeting over to Director Ogilvie, who gave a brief overview of the process to date and an explanation of the materials that were handed out for the meeting: aside from the agenda, she had provided purpose and objective statements relative to West Peterborough from the Master Plan, the Zoning Ordinance, and the West Peterborough Tax Increment Finance District Plan; a timeline for the Context Sensitive Solutions process; a summary of the results of last meeting, provided by the Louis Berger team; and a draft Problem Statement, also provided by the Louis Berger team. Ms. Ogilvie then turned the meeting over to Jim Purdy of the Louis Berger team to facilitate the remainder of the meeting.

Mr. Purdy began with a review of the last meeting on October 12, 2007, and then referred the audience to the handout titled "Draft Problem Statement." He explained that this draft is the team's interpretation of input received at the last two meetings. The problem statements included in this draft broke Union Street up into the same four sections as were analyzed at the last meeting. Mr. Purdy then went through each section and statement, asking for confirmation that these statements did, in fact, reflect the concerns of the residents. The audience confirmed the Draft Problem Statement as presented.

Following the review of the Draft Problem Statement, Mr. Purdy explained that the next step is to begin to identify some preliminary concepts. To facilitate this process, easels and maps of the Union Street corridor had been prepared in advance, and Jeff Hyland of Ironwood Design was present to actually sketch out the ideas brought forth by the participants.

The remainder of the meeting consisted of Mr. Hyland illustrating various traffic calming techniques on the maps, such as medians, signage, raised and/or painted crosswalks, bike lanes, sidewalks, and lighting. While noting the aesthetic benefit of maintaining a consistent design theme throughout the corridor, Mr. Hyland pointed out that the design and configuration of any one or more of the techniques would be specific to the particular location; for example, in one location a sidewalk might be raised with curbing, but in another it might be level with the street and demarcated by lines. Of the four sections discussed, the Wilder/May Streets and Wilder Street to Old Dublin Road were felt by the audience to need more discussion; a number of issues could not be resolved with the time remaining on this day.

The Louis Berger team will take this information and put it into presentation form for the next meeting, the date for which will be announced.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ogilvie