Name

Duane Kumala-Thomas

- Enter the date of the meeting you wish to present to council
 Thursday August 15, 2024
- Which is your preference for attending the meeting.
 In Person
- Will there be anyone other than yourself addressing Council?

 Yes
- Which is their preference for attending the meeting.
 In Person
- Please provide the names of everyone who will be addressing Council.
 Sarah Hodgkinson and Eric Boyar
- Use the space below to clearly outline your purpose for presenting to council.
 Provide a brief outline of your subject matter including your suggested outcome.
 - Sarah and Eric will be delegating on behalf of the Downtown Woodstock BIA regarding desires to see Streetscape redevelopment take place in September as originally scheduled, as opposed to it being postponed until Spring of 2025.
- Will you be providing any additional written information in addition to your summary above? If YES please note it must be provided to the Clerks department no later than 2:00pm on the Tuesday prior to the meeting No
- Will you be providing any additional electronic information in addition to documents you will be attaching? If YES please note it must be provided to the Clerks department no later than 2:00pm on the Tuesday prior to the meeting Yes
- Have you appeared before council to discuss the same topic in the past?

 Yes
- Please select the date when you previously appeared 3/21/2024





Our Vision

Downtown Woodstock is the heart of Woodstock! Our vision is to make Downtown Woodstock a destination of choice for residents and visitors for shopping, dining, entertainment, diverse activations, and cultural experiences.

Our Directive

To improve and sustain the vibrancy and prosperity of Downtown Woodstock through beautification and promotional efforts.

Background

- Council approved Phase 1 of Streetscape on March 21st, 2024.
- Tender / RFP was issued in late mid-late June and closed in late July.
- Engineering has recommended delaying the project start until Spring of 2025 based on preconstruction meetings and potential delays to the project due to procurement, materials, stamped (coloured) concrete issues, etc..



Current Condition



The BIA Board of Management received the City of Woodstock Engineering report and reviewed it with Mr. Harold de Hann (City Engineer).



Mr. de Hann provided clarification to the BIA Board of Management members and answered our questions and concerns, specifically regarding the stamped (coloured) concrete being the highest risk to delays on account of weather and temperature.



The BIA Board of Management understands and accepts the reasons for the recommendation to start Phase One of Streetscape in Spring of 2025, specifically the risk of stamped (coloured) concrete not being completed and leaving a safety and accessibility risk.

Recommendations

- The BIA Board of Management recommends implementing the Downtown Woodstock Streetscape Master Plan:
 - Begin Phase ONE on or before April 1st, 2025.
 - Begin Phase TWO in 2025 as soon as possible following Phase ONE completion.
- Proceeding algins with the BIA's Vision and Directive, as well as the City of Woodstock's Strategic Plan:
 - Improve accessibility.
 - Enhance the overall appeal of our community.
 - Enhances Woodstock to be a vibrant and attractive place to live, work, and visit.





Thank you!