

Cycling Advisory Committee

Report

3rd Meeting of the Cycling Advisory Committee

April 21, 2021

Advisory Committee Virtual Meeting - during the COVID-19 Emergency

Attendance PRESENT: J. Roberts (Chair), B. Hill, J. Jordan, A. Pascual
(Committee Clerk), C. Pollett, and O. Toth.

ABSENT: C. DeGroot and E. Raftis

ALSO PRESENT: G. Dales, D. Hall, S. Harding, D. MacRae, L.
Maitland, A. Miller, C. Saunders, J. Stanford, S. Wilson, and S.
Wise.

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 PM; it being noted that
the following Members were in remote attendance: B. Hill, J.
Jordan, C. Pollett, J. Roberts, and O. Toth.

1. Call to Order

1.1 Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

2. Scheduled Items

None.

3. Consent

3.1 2nd Report of the Cycling Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the 2nd Report of the Cycling Advisory Committee
from its meeting held on March 17, 2021, was received.

3.2 Municipal Council Resolution with respect to the Cycling and Transportation Demand Management Upcoming Projects

That it BE NOTED that the Municipal Council Resolution from its meeting
held on April 13, 2021, with respect to the Cycling and Transportation
Demand Management Upcoming Projects, was received.

3.3 Letter of Resignation - B. Cowie

That it BE NOTED that the letter of resignation from B. Cowie, was
received; it being noted that the Cycling Advisory Committee expressed
their thanks to B. Cowie for his contributions to the Committee and the
community.

3.4 (ADDED) Municipal Council Resolution with respect to the Temporary Bicycle Lanes on Dundas Place

That it BE NOTED that the Municipal Council Resolution from its meeting
held on April 13, 2021, with respect to Temporary Bicycle Lanes on
Dundas Place, was received.

3.5 (ADDED) Dundas Place Traffic Changes Update

That it BE NOTED that the communication, as appended to the agenda, from D. MacRae, Director, Roads and Transportation, with respect to the Dundas Place Traffic Changes Update, was received.

4. Sub-Committees and Working Groups

None.

5. Items for Discussion

5.1 Public Meeting Notice – Official Plan Amendment – Masonville Secondary Plan (Resubmitted)

That the following actions be taken with respect to the Public Meeting Notice, dated March 10, 2021, from S. Wise, Senior Planner, related to an Official Plan Amendment for the Masonville Secondary Plan:

- a) a Sub-Committee BE ESTABLISHED, to review the above-noted Masonville Draft Secondary Plan and report back at a future meeting of the Cycling Advisory Committee (CAC);
- b) the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to attend the above-noted future CAC meeting to discuss the Sub-Committee Report to be brought forward;
- c) the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to provide maps of the cycling routes in the area under the Masonville Draft Secondary Plan and how they connect with existing cycling infrastructure and integrates with the Cycling Master Plan; and,
- d) the above-noted Notice BE RECEIVED.

5.2 City of London PumpTrack

That the following actions be taken with respect to the City of London PumpTrack:

- a) the Civic Administration BE ADVISED that the Cycling Advisory Committee (CAC) supports the creation of a pumptrack facility; and,
- b) the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to investigate the placement of this type of facility in the City of London and report back at a future meeting of the CAC with the findings, including funding opportunities available;

it being noted that the communication, as appended to the agenda, from B. Cassell and the delegation from S. Nauman, with respect to this matter, was received.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:46 PM.

Cycling Advisory Committee

Report

The 2nd Meeting of the Cycling Advisory Committee

March 17, 2021

Advisory Committee Virtual Meeting - during the COVID-19 Emergency

Attendance PRESENT: J. Roberts (Chair), B. Cowie, B. Hill, J. Jordan, , A. Pascual (Committee Clerk), C. Pollett, and O. Toth.

ABSENT: E. Raftis

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor S. Lewis; J. Dann, K. Grabowski, A. Gagne, S. Harding, T. Hitchon, P. Kavcic, T. Koza, A. Macpherson, D. MacRae, L. Maitland, A. Miller, A. Rosebrugh, C. Saunders, K. Scherr, S. Stafford, J. Stanford, and S. Wilson.

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 PM; it being noted that the following Members were in remote attendance: B. Cowie, B. Hill, J. Jordan, C. Pollett, J. Roberts, and O. Toth.

1. Call to Order

1.1 Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

1.2 Election of Vice-Chair for the remainder of the current term

That it BE NOTED that the Cycling Advisory Committee elected B. Hill as Vice Chair until the end of the current term.

2. Scheduled Items

2.1 2021 Rapid Transit Update

That it BE NOTED that the presentation, as appended to the agenda, from J. Dann, Director, Major Projects and T. Koza, Manager, Major Projects, with respect to the 2021 Rapid Transit Update, was received.

2.2 Dundas Place Cycling Detour

That it BE NOTED that the presentation, as appended to the agenda, from D. MacRae, Director, Roads and Transportation, and the communication from B. Cowie, with respect to the Dundas Place Cycling Detour, was received.

2.3 Brydges Street/Wavell Street and Saskatoon Street Bike Lanes

That it BE NOTED that the presentation, as appended to the added agenda, from Z. Petch, IBI Group, with respect to the Brydges Street/Wavell Street and Saskatoon Street Bike Lanes, was received; it being further noted that the delegation from Councillor S. Lewis, with respect to this matter, was received.

3. Consent

3.1 1st Report of the Cycling Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the 1st Report of the Cycling Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on February 17, 2021, was received.

3.2 Municipal Council Resolution - Stopping and Parking Restrictions in Bicycle Lanes

That it BE NOTED that the Municipal Council Resolution, from its meeting held on February 23, 2021, with respect to the Stopping and Parking Restrictions in Bicycle Lanes, was received.

3.3 Notice of Planning Application - Draft Plan of Vacant Land Condominium and Zoning By-law Amendment - 349 Southdale Road East

That it BE NOTED that the Notice of Planning Application, dated February 24, 2021, from S. Meksula, Senior Planner, with respect to a Draft Plan of Vacant Land Condominium and Zoning By-law Amendment, related to the property located at 349 Southdale Road East, was received.

3.4 Notice of Planning Application - Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments - 180-186 Commissioners Road West

That it BE NOTED that the Notice of Planning Application, dated March 12, 2021, from B. Debbert, Senior Planner, with respect to an Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments, related to the property located at 180-186 Commissioners Road West, was received.

4. Sub-Committees and Working Groups

None.

5. Items for Discussion

5.1 Service Area Work Plan for 2021 - Parks and Recreation Services

That it BE NOTED that the presentation, as appended to the agenda, from S. Stafford, Managing Director, Parks and Recreation, A. Macpherson, Division Manager, Parks Planning and Operations, and S. Wilson, Landscape Architect, Parks Planning and Operations, with respect to the Service Area Work Plan for 2021 - Parks and Recreation Services, was received.

5.2 Preconstruction Notice: Downtown Loop and Municipal Infrastructure Improvements Phase 1: King Street

That it BE NOTED that the Preconstruction Notice as appended to the agenda, from J. Dann, Director, Major Projects, with respect to the Downtown Loop and Municipal Infrastructure Improvements Phase 1: King Street, was received.

6. Deferred Matters/Additional Business

6.1 (ADDED) Notice of Revised Application and Notice of Public Meeting - Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments - 1153 -1155 Dundas Street

That the following actions be taken with respect to the Notice of Revised Application and Notice of Public Meeting, dated March 11, 2021, from L.

Davies Snyder, Planner II, related to an Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments for the property located at 1153-1155 Dundas Street:

- a) the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to consider adding a provision for 10 covered bicycle parking spaces in a corral format; and,
- b) the above-noted Notice BE RECEIVED.

6.2 (ADDED) Public Meeting Notice - Official Plan Amendment - Masonville Secondary Plan

That the following actions be taken with respect to the Public Meeting Notice, dated March 10, 2021, from S. Wise, Senior Planner, related to an Official Plan Amendment for the Masonville Secondary Plan:

- a) S. Wise, Senior Planner or delegate, BE REQUESTED to attend the next CAC meeting, to provide additional details on the above-noted Notice; and,
- b) the above-noted Notice BE RECEIVED.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.



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April 14, 2021

K. Scherr
Managing Director, Environmental and Engineering Services and City Engineer

I hereby certify that the Municipal Council, at its meeting held on April 13, 2021 resolved:

That, the on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Environmental and Engineering Services and City Engineer, the following actions be taken with respect to the staff report dated March 30, 2021, related to Cycling and Transportation Demand Management Upcoming Projects:

- a) the above-noted staff report BE RECEIVED;
- b) the Civic Administration BE AUTHORIZED to set a minimum of 250 e-scooters to be placed in the Request for Proposals for an e-scooter Pilot Project as part of a potential combined bike share and e-scooter share micromobility project; and,
- c) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to prepare a plan and initiate a process to determine how a Cargo e-Bike Pilot Project might be undertaken in London including the advantages and disadvantages of a program, key stakeholder input, potential restrictions on where cargo e-bikes may be used and parked, other operating and safety parameters, amendments that would be required to City by-laws, and seek community input. (2021-T05) (2.12/5/CWC)

C. Saunders
City Clerk
/ap

cc: J. Stanford, Director, Environment, Fleet and Solid Waste
J. Skimming, Manager, Community Energy Initiatives
A. Miller, Co-ordinator Transportation Demand Mgt., Environmental Programs
J. Friesen, Administrative Assistant II, Environmental and Engineering Services
P. McClennan, Executive Assistant to the Managing Director, Environmental and Engineering Services and City Engineer
Chair and Members, Transportation Advisory Committee
Chair and Members, Cycling Advisory Committee

March 25, 2021
Ben Cowie
355 Clarence Street
London, ON N6A 3M4

Jamieson Roberts
Chair, Cycling Advisory Committee
City of London
300 Dufferin Avenue
London ON

Dear Mr Roberts,

Please accept my resignation from the City of London's Cycling Advisory Committee. I applied for this position after the City declared a Climate Emergency in April 2019, believing cycling would be a part of the city's plan for climate action. In the nearly two years that have followed, the City has not brought forward a systematic plan to address its main source of emissions: transportation. The lack of progress is both frustrating and terrifying, as someone with a deep understanding of the climate emergency, and as a father to a child who will have to live through the results of our choices.

Cycling is an essential part of every city's climate action plan, providing zero-emissions transportation that scales affordably with the suburban built environment that dominates our city. The greatest barrier to the adoption of utility cycling by people of all ages and abilities is the (inexpensive) safety of a protective barrier separating dangerous motor vehicles from people riding bicycles on city streets. London's stunning lack of progress on protected bike infrastructure compared to other cities its size and scale is inexplicable, and irresponsible given the stakes of a disrupted climate system. The City continues to prioritize fast flowing motor vehicle traffic and convenient free private vehicle storage (parking) ahead of cyclist (and pedestrian) safety at every turn, and has not demonstrated any meaningful action toward solving the planetary emergency during my time on committee.

We have fewer than nine years to decrease our emissions by 50%, and together we have squandered the first two years of our opportunity to preserve a habitable planet for our children. The time to "wait and see" has long passed, and radical action is now required to avoid catastrophic failure of our planet's ecosystems, including our own food, water, and energy systems.

I wish all of my colleagues on this committee the very best. You all have been an incredible team and passionate advocates for building a better city. Thank you for your time, friendship, and service.

Sincerely yours,



Dr. Benjamin R. Cowie
Ph.D. Geology and Geophysics



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April 14, 2021

K. Scherr
Managing Director, Environmental and Engineering Services and City Engineer

I hereby certify that the Municipal Council, at its meeting held on April 13, 2021 resolved:

That the following actions be taken with respect to the staff report dated March 30, 2021, related to Temporary Bicycle Lanes on Dundas Place:

- a) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to bring forward the necessary by-laws to the May 4, 2021 meeting of Municipal Council to operationalize Option 3, Traffic Diversions, with respect to Dundas Place temporary bicycle lanes, with components of physical barriers being included in the plan; and,
- b) the staff report dated March 30, 2021, entitled "Dundas Place – Temporary Bicycle Lanes", BE RECEIVED;

it being noted that the following items, as appended to the Added Agenda, with respect to this matter, were received:

- a communication, dated March 25, 2021, from A. Walsh;
- a communication from D. Hall, London Cycle Link; and,
- a communication, dated March 29, 2021, from J. Cameron. (2021-T05) (AS AMENDED) (2.17/5/CWC)

C. Saunders
City Clerk
/ap

cc: D. MacRae, Director, Roads and Transportation
J. Dann, Director, Major Projects
S. Maguire, Division Manager, Roadway Lighting and Traffic Control
J. Friesen, Administrative Assistant II, Environmental and Engineering Services
P. McClennan, Executive Assistant to the Managing Director, Environmental and Engineering Services and City Engineer
Documentation Services Representative
Chair and Members, Cycling Advisory Committee
List of External cc's on File in the City Clerk's Office



April 14, 2021

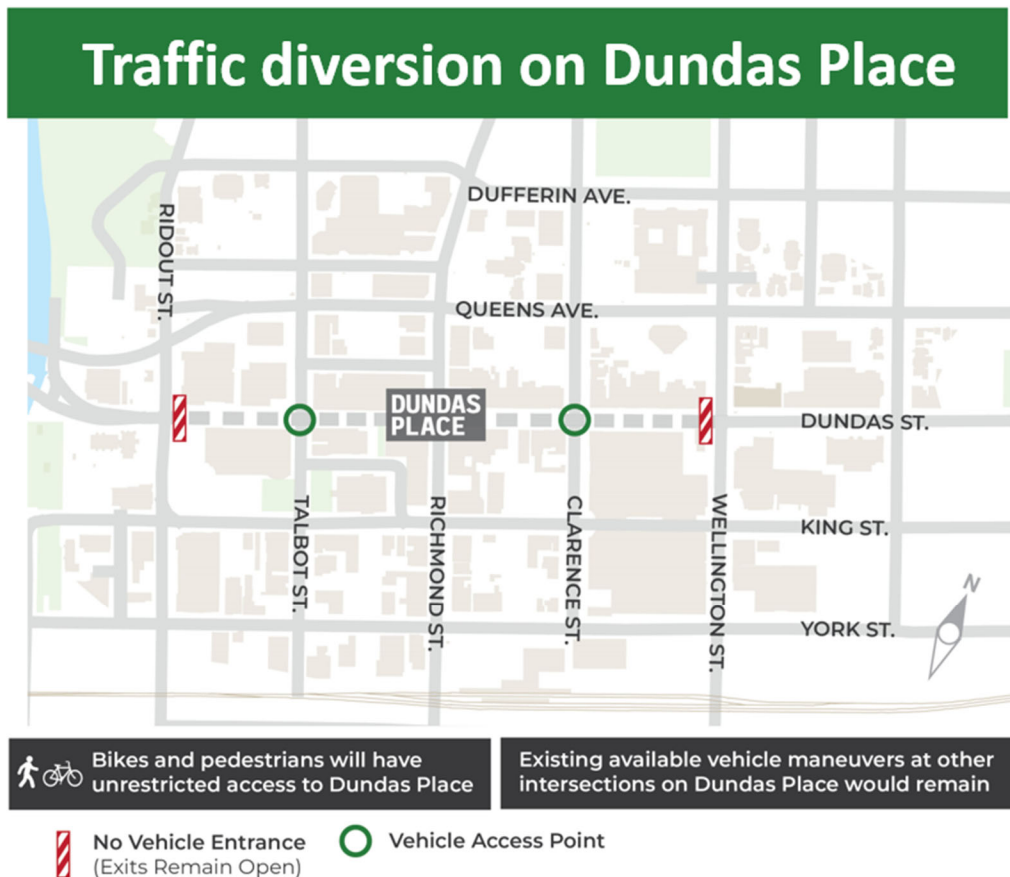
Dear members of the Cycling Advisory Committee,

Please be advised that City Council has reached a decision on temporary traffic changes to Dundas Place during the 2021 construction season.

In their meeting on April 13, 2021, Council directed that traffic be reconfigured using a “traffic diversion” model, which involves blocking in-bound access at Ridout Street and Wellington Street.

Motor vehicular traffic will continue to access Dundas Place from the intersections with Talbot Street and Clarence Street. Vehicles on Dundas Place will be able to travel both directions and be able to exit Dundas Place at all intersections (including Ridout and Wellington Streets).

This was deemed preferred over installing temporary bike lanes. Instead, safety is improved for cyclists through a decrease in through traffic.





Cyclists will continue to enter Dundas Place from all directions, including Ridout Street and Wellington Street, and will share the two general traffic lanes that are in place today.

While these changes are relatively simple to install, there are still some details that will need to be worked out ahead of time. Staff are aiming to implement this temporary change after Council passes the required bylaw in early May and will issue public communications in advance of the installation work.

In the meantime, please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

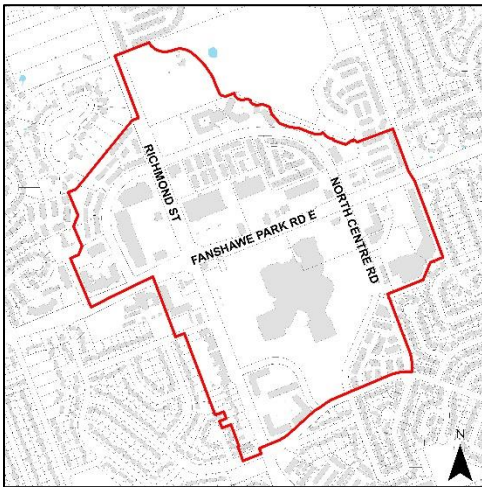
Regards,

Doug MacRae

Director, Roads and Transportation

Official Plan Amendment

Masonville Secondary Plan



File: O-8991

Applicant: The Corporation of the City of London

What is Proposed?

The draft Masonville Secondary Plan will be presented to receive public comments. The draft Masonville Secondary Plan contains:

- A long-term vision for the Secondary Plan area
- Detailed policies to guide the future growth and development of the Masonville area, with respect to: land use, building heights, connections, neighbourhood transitions, built form, parkland, public realm and other matters.

There will be further opportunities to review the draft Masonville Secondary Plan and provide comments after this meeting.

YOU ARE INVITED!

Further to the Notice of Application you received on December 9, 2020, you are invited to a public meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee to be held:

Meeting Date and Time: Monday, March 29, 2021, no earlier than 6:45 p.m.

Meeting Location: City Hall, 300 Dufferin Avenue, 3rd Floor

Please refer to the enclosed Public Participation Meeting Process insert.

For more information contact:

Sonia Wise
swise@london.ca
519-661-CITY (2489) ext. 5887
City Planning, City of London,
206 Dundas St., London ON N6A 1G7
File: O-9881

getinvolved.london.ca/masonville1

To speak to your Ward Councillor:

Maureen Cassidy Ward 5
mcassidy@london.ca
519-661-CITY (2489) ext. 4005

Josh Morgan Ward 7
joshmorgan@london.ca
519-661-CITY (2489) ext. 4007

**If you are a landlord, please post a copy of this notice where your tenants can see it.
We want to make sure they have a chance to take part.**

Application Details

Requested Future Amendment to the 1989 Official Plan

The application is to prepare and adopt the Masonville Secondary Plan and to add it to the list of adopted Secondary Plans in Section 20.2 and 20.3 of the Official Plan, and to Schedule D of the Official Plan. The draft Masonville Secondary Plan has been prepared for circulation and to receive comments. The adoption of the plan will not take place at this meeting, and will occur at a future date which has not yet been scheduled.

Requested Future Amendment to The London Plan (New Official Plan)

The application is to prepare and adopt the Masonville Secondary Plan and to add it to the list of adopted Secondary Plans in Policy 1565 of *The London Plan*, and to Map 7 – Specific Policy Areas in *The London Plan*. The draft Masonville Secondary Plan has been prepared for circulation and to receive comments. The adoption of the plan will not take place at this meeting, and will occur at a future date which has not yet been scheduled.

Both Official Plans are available at london.ca.

Access the draft Masonville Secondary Plan

The draft Masonville Secondary Plan is available on the project website, and can be accessed for review, download and comments here: getinvolved.london.ca/masonville1.

Planning Policies

Secondary Plans are prepared to provide for a coordinated planning approach and more detailed policy guidance. Secondary Plans are adopted by Municipal Council to form part of the Official Plan and elaborate on the parent policies of *The London Plan*. The draft Masonville Secondary Plan consists of policies and maps that provide more specific direction to guide redevelopment, establish street and pathway networks, identify park spaces, establish more detailed policies for land use, intensity and built form, and establish transitional and interface policies.

The subject lands are currently designated as Multi-Family, Medium Density Residential, Multi-Family, High Density Residential, Enclosed Regional Commercial Node, and Office Area in the *1989 Official Plan*, which permits a broad range of retail, commercial, office, mid-rise and high-rise residential uses.

The subject lands are in the Transit Village Place Type in *The London Plan* which permits a broad range of retail, commercial, office, mid-rise and high-rise residential uses. Transit Villages are intended to be exceptionally designed, high-density, mixed-use urban neighbourhoods that are well connected by transit.

How Can You Participate in the Planning Process?

You have received this Notice because someone has applied to change the Official Plan designation of land located within 120 metres of a property you own, or your landlord has posted the public meeting notice in your building. The City reviews and makes decisions on such planning applications in accordance with the requirements of the *Planning Act*. If you previously provided written or verbal comments about this application, we have considered your comments as part of our review of the application and in the preparation of the planning report and recommendation to the Planning and Environment Committee. The additional ways you can participate in the City's planning review and decision-making process are summarized below.

See More Information

You can review additional information and material about this application by:

- Contacting the City's Planner listed on the first page of this Notice; or
- Viewing the application-specific page at getinvolved.london.ca/masonville1
- Opportunities to view any file materials in-person by appointment can be arranged through the file Planner.

Attend This Public Participation Meeting

The Planning and Environment Committee will consider the requested Official Plan amendment changes at this meeting, which is required by the *Planning Act*. You will be invited to provide your comments at this public participation meeting. A neighbourhood or community association may exist in your area. If it reflects your views on this application, you may wish to

select a representative of the association to speak on your behalf at the public participation meeting. Neighbourhood Associations are listed on the [Neighbourgood](#) website. The Planning and Environment Committee will make a recommendation to Council, which will make its decision at a future Council meeting.

Please refer to the enclosed Public Participation Meeting Process insert.

What Are Your Legal Rights?

Notification of Council Decision

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the City of London on the proposed official plan amendment, you must make a written request to the City Clerk, 300 Dufferin Ave., P.O. Box 5035, London, ON, N6A 4L9, or at docservices@london.ca. You will also be notified if you speak to the Planning and Environment Committee at the public meeting about this application and leave your name and address with the Secretary of the Committee.

Right to Appeal to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of the Corporation of the City of London to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the City of London before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the City of London before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

For more information go to <https://olt.gov.on.ca/contact/local-planning-appeal-tribunal/>.

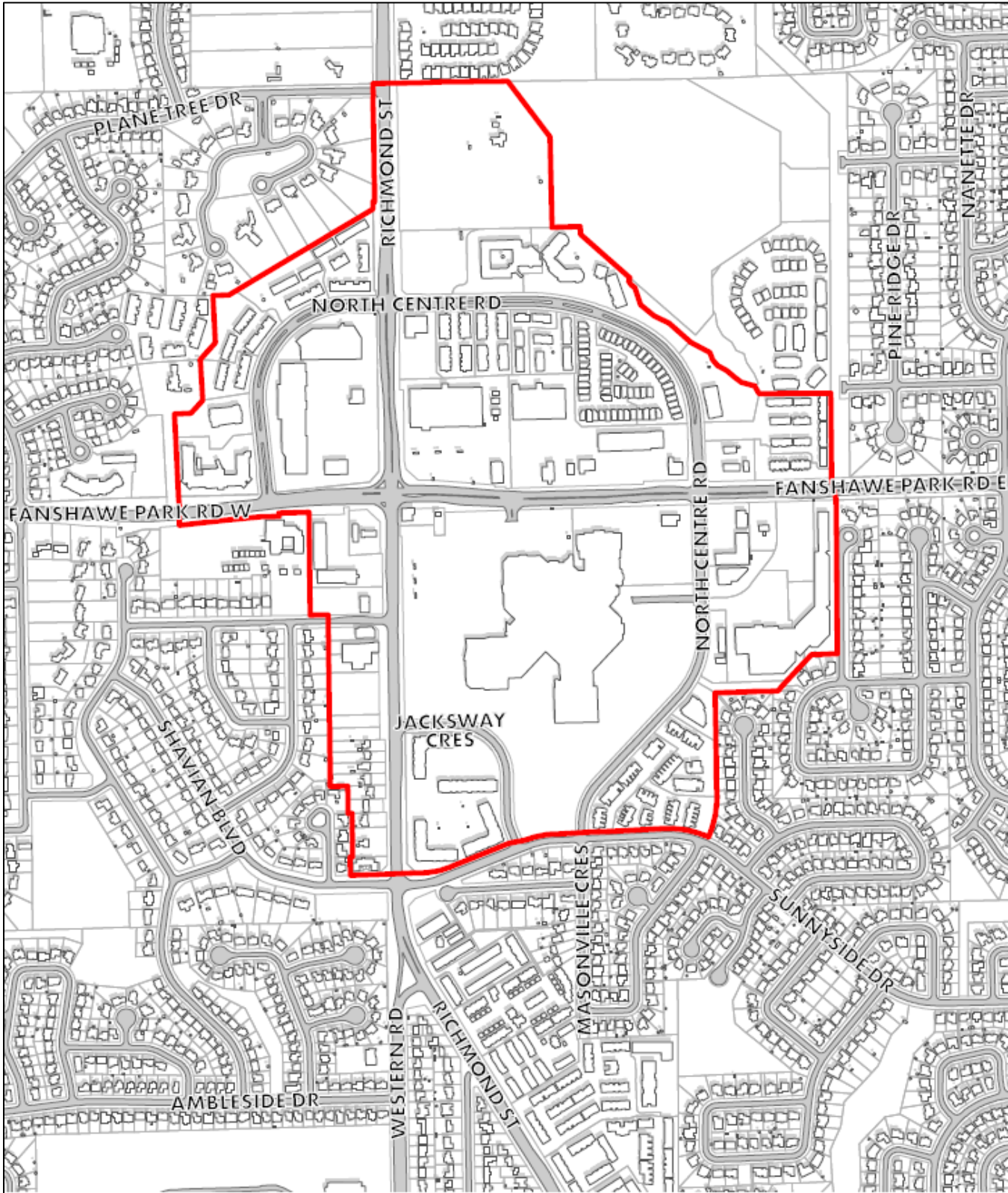
Notice of Collection of Personal Information

Personal information collected and recorded at the Public Participation Meeting, or through written submissions on this subject, is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, and the *Planning Act*, 1990 R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13 and will be used by Members of Council and City of London staff in their consideration of this matter. The written submissions, including names and contact information and the associated reports arising from the public participation process, will be made available to the public, including publishing on the City's website. Video recordings of the Public Participation Meeting may also be posted to the City of London's website. Questions about this collection should be referred to Cathy Saunders, City Clerk, 519-661-CITY(2489) ext. 4937.

Accessibility

The City of London is committed to providing accessible programs and services for supportive and accessible meetings. We can provide you with American Sign Language (ASL) the interpretation, live captioning, magnifiers and/or hearing assistive (t coil) technology. Please contact us at planning@london.ca or 519-661-4980 by March 22, 2021 to request any of these services.

Masonville Secondary Plan Boundary



MASONVILLE TRANSIT VILLAGE SECONDARY PLAN STUDY AREA



Public Participation Meeting Process

As part of the City's ongoing efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19, and in keeping with the regulations and guidelines provided by the Province of Ontario, the Public Participation Meeting process has been modified. The capacity for individuals in City Hall meeting rooms and the Council Chambers Public Gallery will reflect the requirement for 2m physical distancing, with designated seating and standing areas being provided.

Please refer to the public meeting notice for all options available for you to participate in the planning process.

Public Participation Meeting (PPM) Process

- Members of the public are asked to “pre-register” to speak in person at a PPM. Speakers will be limited to five minutes of verbal presentation.
 - **Pre-register by calling 519-661-2489 ex. 7100; or by emailing PPMClerks@london.ca** Please indicate the PPM subject matter when contacting the Clerk's Office. Registrations will be confirmed.¹
 - When pre-registering, members of the public will have a brief COVID-19 health screening and will be asked to self-screen prior to entering City Hall.
 - When pre-registering, members of the public will be advised which meeting room to attend on the second floor of City Hall.
- Presentations will be strictly verbal; any other submission of photos, slides or written information must be made outside of the PPM. These can be forwarded to the Planner associated with this application and/or to the registration email, noted above. In order to be considered, all submissions should be made prior to the Council meeting when the Planning and Environment Committee recommendation regarding the subject matter is considered.

Public Participation Meeting (PPM) Process – At the meeting

- Members of the public should self-screen before entering City Hall. You likely will be greeted by security upon entering the building.
- Members of the public should convene in the assigned seating, in the appropriate meeting room for the PPM as noted in the pre-registration.
- Each committee room will broadcast the meeting taking place in the Council Chambers.
- City Staff will be in each room to assist members of the public.
- When appropriate, individual members of the public will have an opportunity to speak to the committee, using the camera/microphone in the committee room. Floor markings will indicate where to stand.

Council Chambers

- Committee members and staff will be present in the Chambers (physically, or by remote attendance).
- There will be no public access to the Council floor.

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City of London PumpTrack

What is a Pump Track? They are high performance playgrounds for everything with wheels. A pump track is an endless loop of rollers, jumps and banked turns called berms where the riders propel themselves through the track by shifting their body weight, or “pumping”, in conjunction with the track contours, rather than having to pedal. It creates a fun experience where a rider can work on their handling skills while also having an excellent cardio workout. Pump tracks can be designed for different sizes and rider abilities or as a generic layout that is still usable and fun by riders from little tykes to expert mountain bike or Bmx riders. Although races can be held on a pump track to see who can do laps the fastest or how long they can continue the track without pedaling, the main purpose of a track is to provide a community gathering place where those that enjoy bicycles, scooters, In-lines skates, roller skates, can “play”. We are suggesting a paved asphalt pump track like Velosolutions have made famous all over the globe. They are the worlds biggest pump track contractor with a Canadian office in Quebec.

Who would use a pump track? The short answer is anyone with a bicycle, scooter, skateboard, inline skates, roller skates or wheel chair. It doesn't matter how young or how old, users can be 3 year old on strider bikes or riders into their 60's or 70's that already enjoy riding on trails/road. A pump track provides a safe environment to experience skill building, having fun, and getting exercise. Most pump tracks are free and open to the public at all times (or normal park hours). This often creates a community gathering spot where people will congregate to both ride and watch others use the track. According to a 2009 Outdoor Recreation Participation Report, 3.4% of the population participates in Mountain Biking or BMX. That same report lists skateboarding at 2.8%.

What about risk and liability? The city would assume the risk with a pump track as they would any other recreation facility such as a skate park, climbers or ball field. Risk is low due to the way that a pump track is used. Signs would be installed at entrances to the pump track area outlining the rules and etiquette for users just like our skateparks.

What is the cost for a pump track? Based on information obtained by Velosolutions the average cost of a project is between \$100-\$180 per square meter and that includes everything from design to landscaping for the project. To give an example the Asphalt Pump track in Uxbridge, On is 1800 meters squared. So total price was \$324,000 for that project. If you use dirt which limits the user base you can save initially but you will have to factor in yearly maintenance cost of about \$5000-\$10,000.



Why does London need a facility like this? Well London has a huge and thriving cycling community that enjoys all aspects of bike riding from Road, Track, Commuting, Mountain biking and Bmx. A pump track would be a terrific complement to the cycling community and infrastructure we already have. Ideally a Bikepark with some jumps and a pump track would put us inline with other communities around us that already have one like Cambridge, Kitchener, Hamilton, Brantford. Even smaller towns like Stratford, Watford, Caledon and Tillsonburg have pump tracks. The City of London is nationally recognized for our skateparks and we feel that this is right in line with that type of activity but is different and appeals to a wider user base.

Benefits of a Pump Track –

Promotes healthy physical outdoor activity

Great, low risk environment for athletes of all ages and skill levels

Creates positive gathering area for the community

Affordable and accessible for families (Most kids have bikes)

Supports the fastest growing segment of cycling (Mountain Biking)

Sustainable recreation with minimal environmental impact

Great family fun

Low maintenance costs when asphalt is used

Minimal risk/liability

Simple & Fun



As you have probably heard we started a Petition to see how much interest and support a facility like this would generate and as of today the petition @ Change.org has over 2300 signatures, 600 shares and over 21,000 views. We would greatly appreciate your endorsement and support to bring this idea to city council. <https://www.change.org/p/city-of-london-ontario-help-london-ontario-get-a-velosolutions-pump-track>

Angie McConnell · 2 days ago

My family of 5 would love this space for further enjoyment of our mountain bikes. This track could be enjoyed by multiple generations. Make this happen City of London!

Craig Hynds
2 weeks ago

Cycling is a pastime enjoyed by myself and many Londoners. A facility like this is a great place to enjoy riding and safely build up riding skills.

Rebecca Haggerty

2 weeks ago

It would be a great opportunity for all cycling enthusiasts to come together! A place to help teach the younger skilled and gives an added adventure in our already thriving cycling community!

Janelle Geary- Eden

1 year ago

Pump tracks around the world are a awesome way to get children and adults active and pump tracks are something every age can do easily and be apart of.

Here are a couple of links to articles of how the City of Calgary and Chilliwack have committed to the installation of pump tracks in the last couple years.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/south-glenmore-park-ellis-russell-velosolutions-calgary-1.5687526>

<https://www.abbynews.com/news/b-c-city-set-to-become-home-of-the-largest-pump-track-facility-in-north-america/>

Thank you.

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