

Report to Planning and Environment Committee

To: Chair and Members
Planning & Environment Committee

From: John M. Fleming
Managing Director, Planning and City Planner
Kelly Scherr
Managing Director, Environmental & Engineering Services
and City Engineer

Subject: 328 Hamilton Road

Meeting on: March 19, 2018

Recommendation

That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Planning and City Planner and the Managing Director, Environmental and Engineering Services and City Engineer, the report dated March 19, 2018 and entitled "328 Hamilton Road" with respect to the potential purchase of property located at 328 Hamilton Road BE RECEIVED.

Discussion

1.0 Background

The Civic Administration considered the potential purchase of the property located at 328 Hamilton Road as part of the Corridor Streetscape Master Plan for Hamilton Road from Horton Street to Highbury Avenue.

The City retained IBI Group to undertake a Streetscape Master Plan for the entire section of Hamilton Road from Horton Street to Highbury Avenue. The Master Plan contains five objectives to transform Hamilton Road into an inviting and vibrant place. One of the five objectives is to reclaim and enhance the public realm / provide community destinations. This could be achieved through replacing small streets with "parkettes" to expand the public realm. One potential option included in the draft Master Plan is to close Little Hill Street at Hamilton Road to create a new plaza in front of the former Hyatt Avenue United Church and adjacent to 328 Hamilton Road.

2.0 Analysis

Both Environmental and Engineering Services and Planning Services have reviewed the parcel in question and do not have a need for the property or the budget for its acquisition.

The 2018 Hamilton Road and Sackville Street Reconstruction project is anticipated to include the closing of Trafalgar Street (one way section west of Egerton Street) to create a public space and the construction of a shared street on Sackville Street (Hamilton Road to Ormsby Street) beside the Crouch library. The above two improvements will help to achieve the Streetscape Master Plan objective of reclaiming and enhancing the public realm along Hamilton Road.

In conclusion, there is no identified municipal need for 328 Hamilton Road.

3.0 Acknowledgments

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