

# Accessibility Advisory Committee Agenda

Date: Monday, April 28, 2025

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: Council Chambers

7 Broadway Street West

Paris, ON

Alternative formats and communication supports are available upon request. For more information, please contact the County of Brant Accessibility and Inclusion Coordinator at 519-442-7268 or by email <a href="mailto:accessibility@brant.ca">accessibility@brant.ca</a>

**Pages** 

#### 1. Attendance

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

#### Recommendation

That the agenda for the April 28, 2025 Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting be approved.

- 3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests
- 4. Delegations / Presentations
  - 4.1 Sky McLaughlin BRIDGE Project
  - 4.2 Victoria Hall Community Safety and Well-being

3 - 10

- 5. Adoption of Minutes from Previous Meetings
  - 5.1 Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes of November 18, 2024

11 - 14

#### Recommendation

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes of November 18, 2024 be approved.

5.2 Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes of February 24, 2025

15 - 18

#### Recommendation

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes of February 24, 2025 be approved.

6.	Busin	ess Arising from the Minutes			
7.	Site F	Site Plan Control Applications			
	7.1	SP19-24-DN 10 Markel Drive - D. Namisniak	19 - 20		
8.	Staff	Reports			
	8.1	South Dumfries Bleachers - S. Yarek	21 - 22		
	8.2	Accessibility Week - S. Yarek			
	8.3	Recruitment Reminder - S. Yarek			
9.	A.C.E	S.S Accessible Community Examples Salute			
10.	Comr	munications			
	10.1	RPT-0158-25 - Brant School Road	23 - 28		
11.	Other	Business			
12.	Next Meeting and Adjournment				
	Mond	ay, June 16, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at the County of Brant Council Chambers.			



# Community Safety & Well-Being Plan 2025

# Why?

The County of Brant is updating its Community Safety and Well-Being Plan to better meet the changing needs of the community.

As required by the Community Safety and Policing Act, this review happens every five years to make sure these community services and programs are working well.



## What?

A Community Safety and Well-Being Plan helps make sure that:

- Everyone feels safe and included in the community.
- Everyone can easily access the services they need.
- Individuals and families have the support to meet their needs, including education, health care, food, housing, income, and opportunities to connect with others.



## Who?

The Community Safety and Well-being Ad Hoc Committee is leading this work. Together with the County of Brant, this group includes:

- Brant OPP
- Scounty of Brant Police Services Board
- <u>Canadian Mental Health Association of Brant Haldimand Norfolk</u>
- Sant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board
- Signature of the Section of the Se
- SOAR Community Services
- & & Willowbridge Community Services

Page 6 of 27



Child and Family Services of Grand Erie

## When?

January 2025

Community Safety and Well-being Ad Hoc Committee was created.

March 2025 Engagement and Focus Group Discussions Take Place

Complete <u>online survey</u> or <u>Attend a pop-up events</u>.

April 17, 2025 - Engagement is closed

The project team and working group will compile all input gathered and work together to draft the initial update to the plan. We will report back on key outcomes.

Early May 2025: Draft Plan Presented for Feedback

A draft plan will be presented to the community for feedback before a final version is brought forward for consideration and approval.

June 2025: Final Plan Presented to Council



# 5 Key Priorities



Mental Health, Wellness, and Substance Use Supports - Ensuring people have access to the right resources and care for their mental health, overall wellbeing, and substance use challenges.

Youth Empowerment and Opportunities - Providing young people with meaningful opportunities to learn, grow, and participate in their community.

**Housing Affordability and Unhoused Supports -** Working on solutions to support individuals facing housing challenges.

Connected and Safe Mobility - Improving transportation and mobility options to ensure people can move safely and easily around the community.

Community Belonging - Creating an inclusive and welcoming environment where everyone feels valued and connected.

# **Accessibility Advisory Committee**

Looking for recommendations on accessibility goals for 5<sup>th</sup> Pillar:

"Community Belonging - Creating an inclusive and welcoming environment where everyone feels valued and connected."





## **Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes**

Date: November 18, 2024

Time: 1:00 p.m.

**Location:** Council Chambers

7 Broadway Street West

Paris, ON

Present: Mayor Bailey, Councillor Oakley, Members Baird, Foster, Craig, V.

Smith, and Yantzi

Regrets: Members Solak and Van Berkel

Staff: Jackson, Yarek, Thomas, Grice, and Allison.

Alternative formats and communication supports are available upon request. For more information, please contact the County of Brant Accessibility and Inclusion Coordinator at 519-442-7268 or by email accessibility@brant.ca

\_\_\_\_\_

Member Baird in the Chair.

#### 1. Attendance

Attendance was taken.

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Member Foster Seconded by Member V. Smith

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee Agenda for November 18, 2024, be approved.

Carried

#### 3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests

None.

#### 4. Delegations / Petitions / Presentations

None.

#### 5. Adoption of Minutes from Previous Meetings

#### 5.1 Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes of September 16, 2024

Moved by Mayor Bailey Seconded by Member Foster

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes of September 16, 2024, be approved.

Carried

#### 6. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

#### 7. Site Plan Control Applications

None.

#### 8. Staff Reports

#### 8.1 <u>Winter Sidewalk Maintenance - G. Demers</u>

Greg Demers, Director of Roads, appeared before the committee and gave a brief overview of the winter sidewalk maintenance program.

#### 8.2 Accessible Parking on Grand River Street North Following Reconstruction

Adam Crozier, Director of Corporate Strategy, and Joe Murphy, Capital Project Manager, appeared before the committee and presented on accessible parking on Grand River Street North following reconstruction. A. Crozier presented photo renderings of the overall design and the proposed reconstruction timeline.

Discussion took place surrounding varying level grades, 50% of the proposed stalls being accessible, and barrier free traffic moderators.

#### 8.3 Staff Update

Lesley Jackson, Director of Community Partnerships, advised of Brian Grice's new role, Community Safety and Wellbeing Supervisor, noting he will no longer be the staff liaison to the committee.

#### 8.4 Enabling Accessibility Program

Sheena Yarek - Snyder, Accessibility and Inclusion Supervisor, advised staff have applied for a grant for projects that make Canadian communities and workplaces more accessible for persons with disabilities.

#### 8.5 MYAP 2025-2029

S. Yarek - Snyder advised the final draft of the Multi-Year Accessibility Program is complete and is awaiting Council approval.

#### 9. A.C.E.S. - Accessible Community Examples Salute

Mayor Bailey directed staff provide a thank you letter to Brant Transit on behalf of the committee for their improvement to accessibility.

The committee requested A.C.E.S. - Accessible Community Examples Salute remain a standing agenda item for future meetings.

#### 10. Communications

10.1 <u>Accessibility Advisory Committee Letter Regarding Committee Review Decision</u>
 Briar Allison, Deputy Clerk, briefly outlined the communication.

#### 11. Other Business

#### 11.1 Member Amy Roberts

Moved by Member Foster Seconded by Member V. Smith

That the seat, previously held by Member Roberts, be declared vacant.

Carried

#### 12. Next Meeting and Adjournment

Committee adjourned at 1:42 pm to meet again at the call of the Chair at the County of Brant Council Chambers.

		Secreta	ry



## **Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes**

Date: February 24, 2025

Time: 1:00 p.m.

**Location:** Council Chambers

7 Broadway Street West

Paris, ON

Present: Member's Baird, Foster, Craig, and Councillor Oakley

Regrets: Mayor Bailey, Member's Smith, Solak, Yantzi, and Van Berkel

Staff: Yarek, Plant, Thomas, Robb, and Allison.

Alternative formats and communication supports are available upon request. For more information, please contact the County of Brant Accessibility and Inclusion Coordinator at 519-442-7268 or by email <a href="mailto:accessibility@brant.ca">accessibility@brant.ca</a>

Councillor Oakley in the Chair.

#### 1. Attendance

Attendance was taken noting quorum was not achieved. The meeting proceeded for information purposes only.

Councillor Oakley assumed the Chair.

- 2. Approval of Agenda
- 3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests

None.

4. Delegations / Petitions / Presentations

None.

- 5. Adoption of Minutes from Previous Meetings
  - 5.1 Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes of November 18, 2024
- 6. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

#### 7. Site Plan Control Applications

#### 7.1 Onondaga Ball Park Retrofit

Meagan Thomas, Landscape Design Architect, presented the Onondaga Ball Park retrofit to the committee for their review and comment.

In response to questions, M. Thomas advised the pickleball equipment will be distributed on a first come first serve basis and will also follow an honour system.

#### 7.2 Arlington Meadows Concept Plans

Sheena Yarek - Snyder, Accessibility and Inclusion Coordinator, presented the Arlington Meadows concept plans to the committee as a follow up of the email sent to Members requesting that they review and comment on Engage Brant.

#### 7.3 Fire Hall

Lindsay Plant, Facilities Project Coordinator, appeared before the committee and presented the fire hall architectural drawings for their review and comment.

In response to questions, L. Plant advised the space will be used primarily by staff members and will have publicly available washrooms and a room for rent.

#### 7.4 New Washroom - Guakel

L. Plant presented the new Gaukel Memorial outdoor washrooms for the committee's review and comment.

Member Baird noted the need for the largest possible height when installing toilets (nineteen inches).

#### 8. Staff Reports

#### 8.1 Communication Boards

M. Thomas the communication board concept to the committee and requested their feedback on proposed locations.

The committee advised of the most populous areas in the park, as well as entrances and exits would find the most benefit of the communication boards.

S. Yarek - Snyder suggested connecting with the Lansdowne Children's Centre regarding their most commonly used symbols.

#### 8.2 Council Hearing Loop

Gary Porter, Technical Production Specialist, appeared before the committee and presented the newly installed Council Chambers hearing loop. He presented the 3 options for accessing the hearing loop and noted staff have 3 headphone devices available for use in person including sanitation wipes.

The committee requested a larger sign to identify the hearing loop including a downloadable QR code as well as comprehensive communication of the new system.

#### 8.3 St. George Fire Hall

S. Yarek - Snyder advised of a resident complaint regarding the St. George Fire Hall not being accessible to Member Yantzi. Staff have since confirmed the level of accessibility at the firehall and thanked Member Yantzi for bringing to staffs attention.

#### 8.4 <u>2024 MYAP Accomplishment List</u>

S. Yarek - Snyder circulated the 2024 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan (MYAP) Accomplishment List to the committee.

#### 8.5 Community and Safety Well Being Plan

S. Yarek - Snyder advised that the committee will be asked to review the Community and Safety Well Being Plan in the near future.

#### 8.6 <u>Accessible Brant Award</u>

S. Yarek - Snyder encouraged the committee to begin thinking about nominations for the Accessible Brant Award for 2025.

#### 9. A.C.E.S. - Accessible Community Examples Salute

None.

#### 10. Communications

None.

#### 11. Other Business

#### 11.1 Snow Clearing

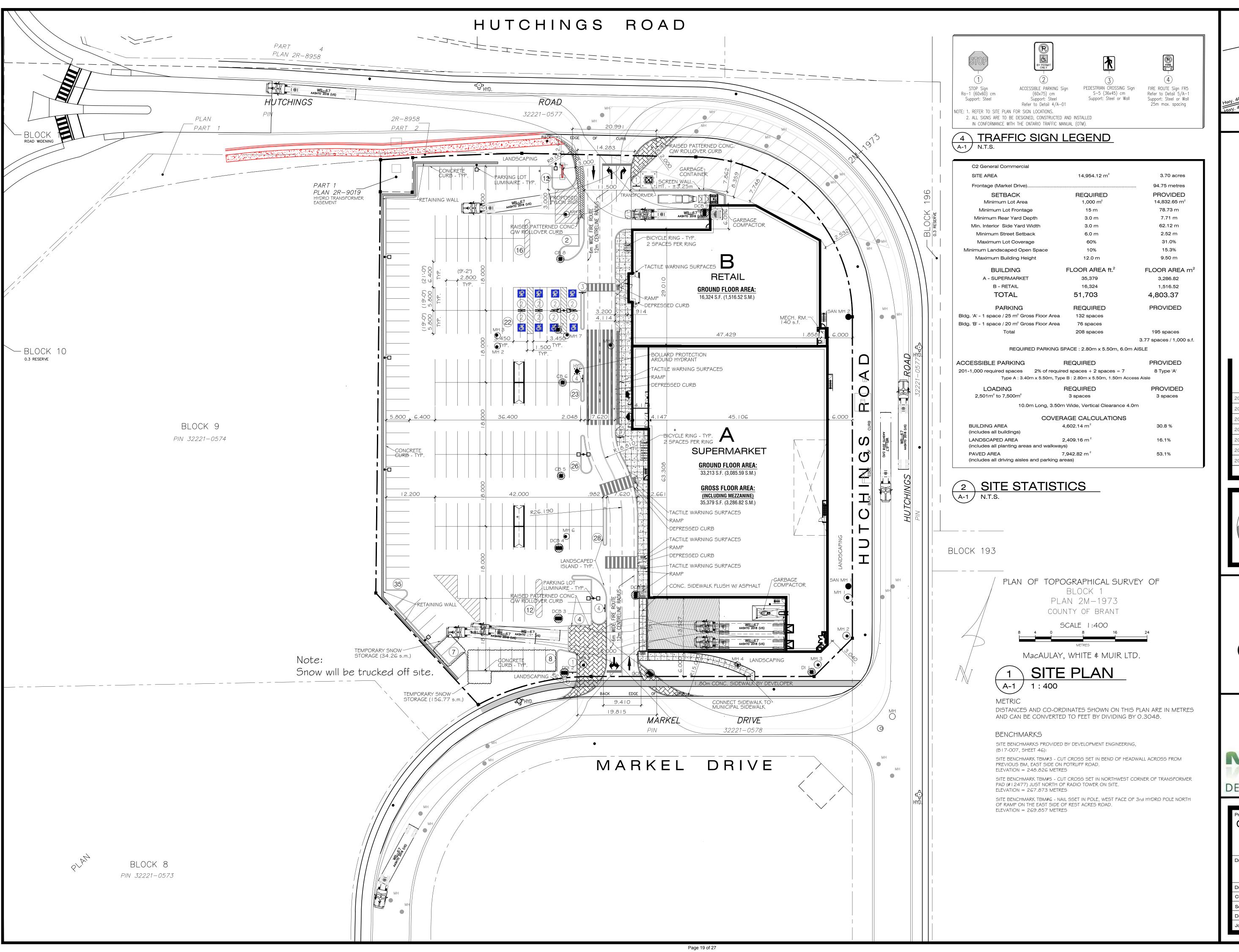
Member Baird presented the snow clearing issue on Grand River St N. from earlier in the month.

In response to questions, S. Yarek - Snyder advised that this location is the County's responsibility to remove the snow and has since been removed. She also requested any future incidents be brought to attention so they can be addressed for immediate action. If Members are ever unsure who to contact, these types of things can be brought to her attention.

#### 12. Next Meeting and Adjournment

Committee adjourned at 1:41 p.m., to meet again on April 28, 2025 at the County of Brant Council Chambers.

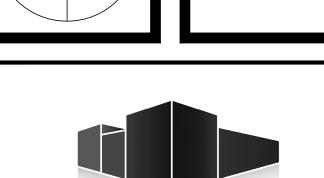
			Secre	etar





**KEY PLAN** 

2025-04-15	Revised as per 3rd Sub Comments	G.B.
2025-03-28	Pylon Sign location confirmed	G.B.
2025-02-26	Revised as per 2nd Sub Comments	G.B.
2024-12-20	Coordinated W/ Civil	G.B.
2024-12-18	Sidewalk added at Building 'A' loading	G.B.
2024-12-12	Retaining Wall reconfigured	G.B.
2024-11-24	Revised as per Municipal comments	G.B.
Date	Revision	Ву



CLARE AVENUE

D E S I G N I N C.

1112 Clare Avenue, Cambridge, Ontario N3H 2E1
Phone: 519-498-7847 Email: greg@clareave.com



DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

10 Markel Drive
PARIS, ONTARIO

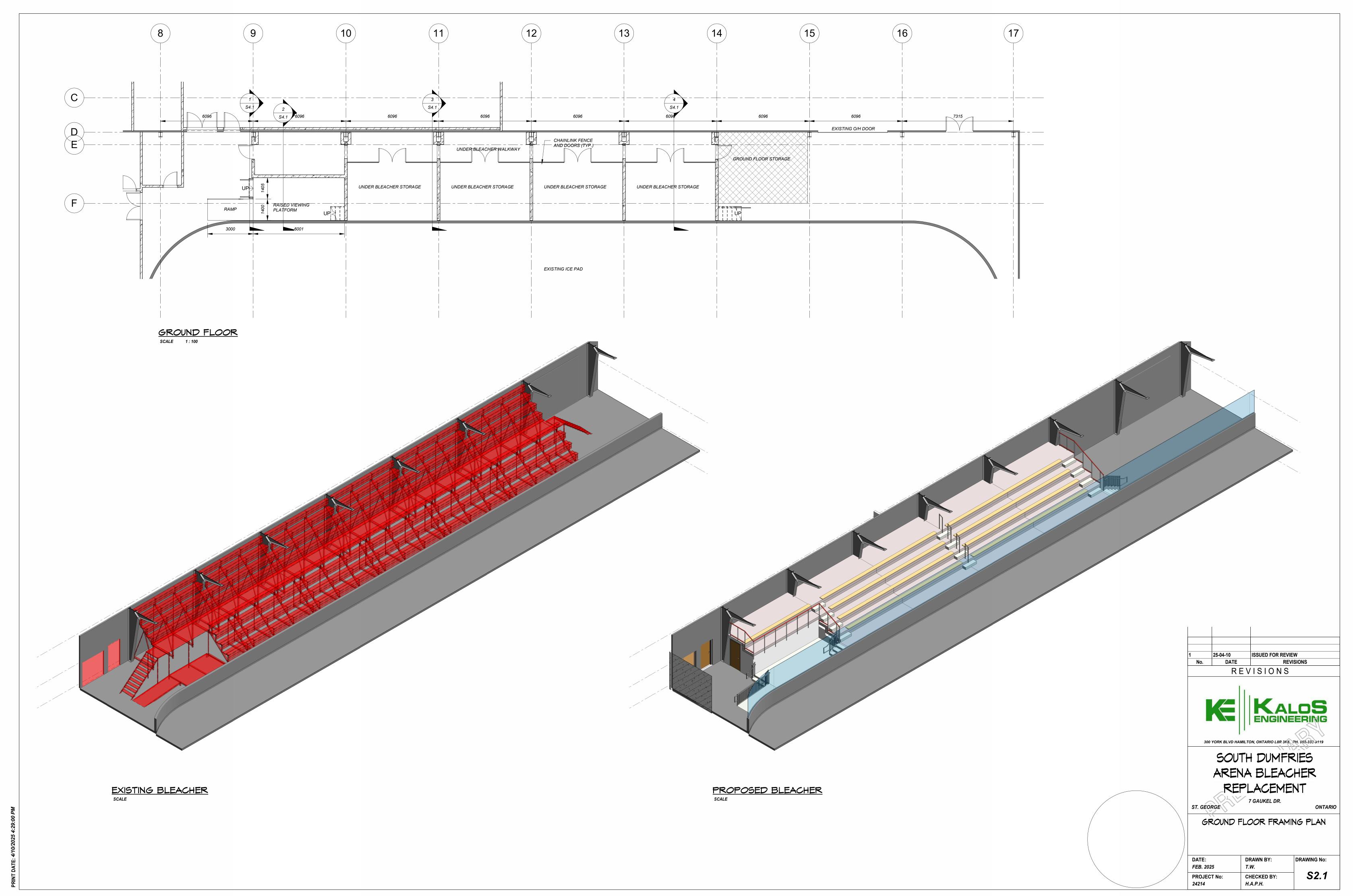
SITE PLAN

Checked by:

Scale: 1:400

Date: April 15, 2025

Job no.: 230606





## **Administration and Operations Committee Report**

**To:** The Chair and Members of the Administration and Operations Committee

**From:** Javier Marcos, Supervisor of Field Services

Date: Tuesday April 15, 2025

**Report #:** RPT-0158-25

Subject: 2024 Low Volume Road Maintenance – Brant School Road

**Purpose:** For Information

#### Recommendation

To be received as information.

#### **Strategic Plan Priority**

Strategic Priority 3 - Healthy, Safe, and Engaged Communities

### **Impacts and Mitigation**

#### Social Impacts

Maintaining surface-treated roads has several social impacts.

**Improved Safety** – Regular maintenance reduces potholes, wash boarding, and rutting, decreasing the likelihood of vehicle accidents and improving road safety for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians.

**Enhanced Quality of Life** – Smoother roads reduce vehicle vibrations and noise, leading to a more comfortable driving experience and less stress for road users.

#### **Environmental Impacts**

Proper maintenance can prevent excessive dust from gravel roads, reducing air pollution and improving respiratory health for nearby residents. It can also help control erosion and runoff, protecting local water sources.

#### **Economic Impacts**

Reliable Road infrastructure supports local businesses by enabling the efficient transport of goods and services, benefiting industries such as agriculture, forestry, and tourism.

#### Report

#### Background

At the December 17, 2024, County of Brant (County) Council Meeting, the below resolution was approved following a delegation on this matter at the meeting:

That the County of Brant Council receive the delegation from Dave DiFrancesco as information:

And that the concerns regarding tar and stone chips on residents' lawns be referred to staff;

And further that the concerns expressed be brought to the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

The resident had a few concerns which are summarized as follows:

- Concerns with stone chips (or float) migrating onto the grass in the ditch in front of his property and complaints over the construction,
- Dismay that this section of Brant School Road is surface treated whereas the section closer to Colborne St E has a slurry seal surface (no loose stone),
- Concerns about accessibility.

Surface treatment work was completed on July 22, 2024, as part of the annual tender for low volume road construction.

On or about September 9, 2024, the area was swept, and excess float was removed off-site. The first email received from the resident was on November 30, 2024.

In response to that email request Operations staff investigated and swept the driveway of 132 Brant School Road. Pictures of the area are enclosed as Attachment 1.

A post winter condition assessment was conducted on or about March 14, 2025, after a significant thaw and rain event. The conditions of the frontage (driveway and lawn) have been deemed to be satisfactory in relation to any other surface treatment road. Staff did not recommend further sweeping around 132 Brant School Road.

The issues around accessibility were discussed with County Staff that manage the Accessibility Committee. It was agreed that there are no accessibility issues on this rural road as there are no sidewalks.

#### <u>Analysis</u>

This road is below 1000 cars per day and therefore (latest count approximately 800) surface treatment is the normal pavement system used in the County for rural and suburban roads. If Council were to implement a higher standard, more funds would be required from taxation to meet the annual roads costs.

The system to install a surface treated pavement includes placement of emulsion immediately followed by placement of the stone chip and initial compaction by contractors' equipment. This is left to compact or cure for three (3) to four (4) weeks, and the excess stone naturally floats to the shoulder. The contractor then returns to sweep up the excess material and remove it from the site after the curing process is completed. This project followed this process.

#### Summary and Recommendations

Staff feel that this was a normal surface treatment project and do not feel that any additional work is required. If Council wants to upgrade the system of maintaining rural roads, staff can provide cost estimates for this.

#### **Attachments**

1. Picture 1 of Driveway entrance, Picture 2 of Driveway entrance - side view

#### **Reviewed By**

- J. Murphy, Capital Project Manager
- M. Eby, Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management
- R. Walton, General Manager of Operations
- S. Yarek, Accessibility and Inclusion Supervisor

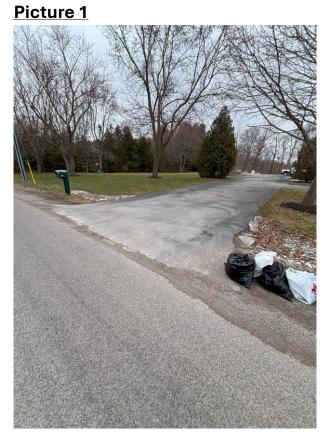
#### **Copied To**

None

## By-law and/or Agreement

By-law Required No
Agreement(s) or other documents to be signed by Mayor and /or Clerk No

# Attachment 1 – RPT-0158-25 Low Volume Road Maintenance – Brant School Road



Picture 2

