



Motion Memorandum

SUBJECT: Options to promote the physical health and well-being of residents by increasing the ability for physical distancing in the downtown

TO: Community Planning, Regulation & Mobility Cttee.

FROM: Councillor Lisa Kearns, Ward 2 and Councillor Shawna Stolte, Ward 4

Date to Committee: May 4, 2021

Date to Council: May 18, 2021

Motion for Council to Consider:

Direct the Executive Director of Community Planning, Regulation and Mobility and the Director of Transportation Services to explore options to increase the ability for physical distancing and safe passage in response to Covid-19 for the area of Brant Street (Caroline Street to Lakeshore Road) for Saturdays and Sundays, from July 3 - September 5, 2021 with a recommendation and report back to the June 8, 2021 Community Planning Regulation and Mobility Committee.

Reason:

Community feedback has been significant in response to overcrowding on Brant Street downtown sidewalks south of Caroline Street to Lakeshore Road due to increased local resident use, outdoor retail/curbside queueing, and flow through of Spencer Smith Park users.

Options should be an interim response to public health concerns directly related to the ongoing relevance of Covid-19 community transmissions.

Options are intended to manage physical distancing requirements in response to observed increases of non-vehicular usage of the City's municipal assets. Under no circumstances should any modified use be an invitation to congregate in the expanded space. For further clarity, there will be no advertisement, event coordination, sponsorship opportunities or promotional efforts made to draw crowds.

Whereas the City has committed to encouraging active transportation initiatives and community connections, it is expected that learnings from this interim period could provide learnings with respect to promoting mobility in the City.

At its April Burlington Downtown Business Association Board meeting, it was agreed that options should be explored by City Staff in advance of undertaking an engagement exercise with member businesses. General support for the concept and purpose was verbally indicated during the Councillor's Update.

This recommendation is time sensitive, in order to initiate any option in time for the summer season. It is anticipated that the recommendation will be introduced at the May 4th CPRM, approved by Council on May 18th. In order to implement by July 3rd the report will be required to return to CPRM no later than the June 8th meeting.

Outcome Sought:

To promote the physical health and well-being of residents by increasing the ability for physical distancing in the downtown.

Vision to Focus Alignment:

(check those that apply)

- ☐ Increase economic prosperity and community responsive city growth
- ☒ Improve integrated city mobility
- ☐ Support sustainable infrastructure and a resilient environment
- ☒ Building more citizen engagement, community health and culture
- ☐ Deliver customer centric services with a focus on efficiency and technology transformation

Motion Seconded by:
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Approved as per form by the City Clerk,

Reviewed by the City Manager - In accordance with the Code of Good Governance, Council-Staff Relations Policy and an assessment of the internal capacity within the City to complete the work based on a specific target date (quarter/year).

Comments:

City Clerk: Approved

City Manager: Approved