

Civic Square and Brant Street Renewal Presentation to Committee of the Whole

May 13, 2024

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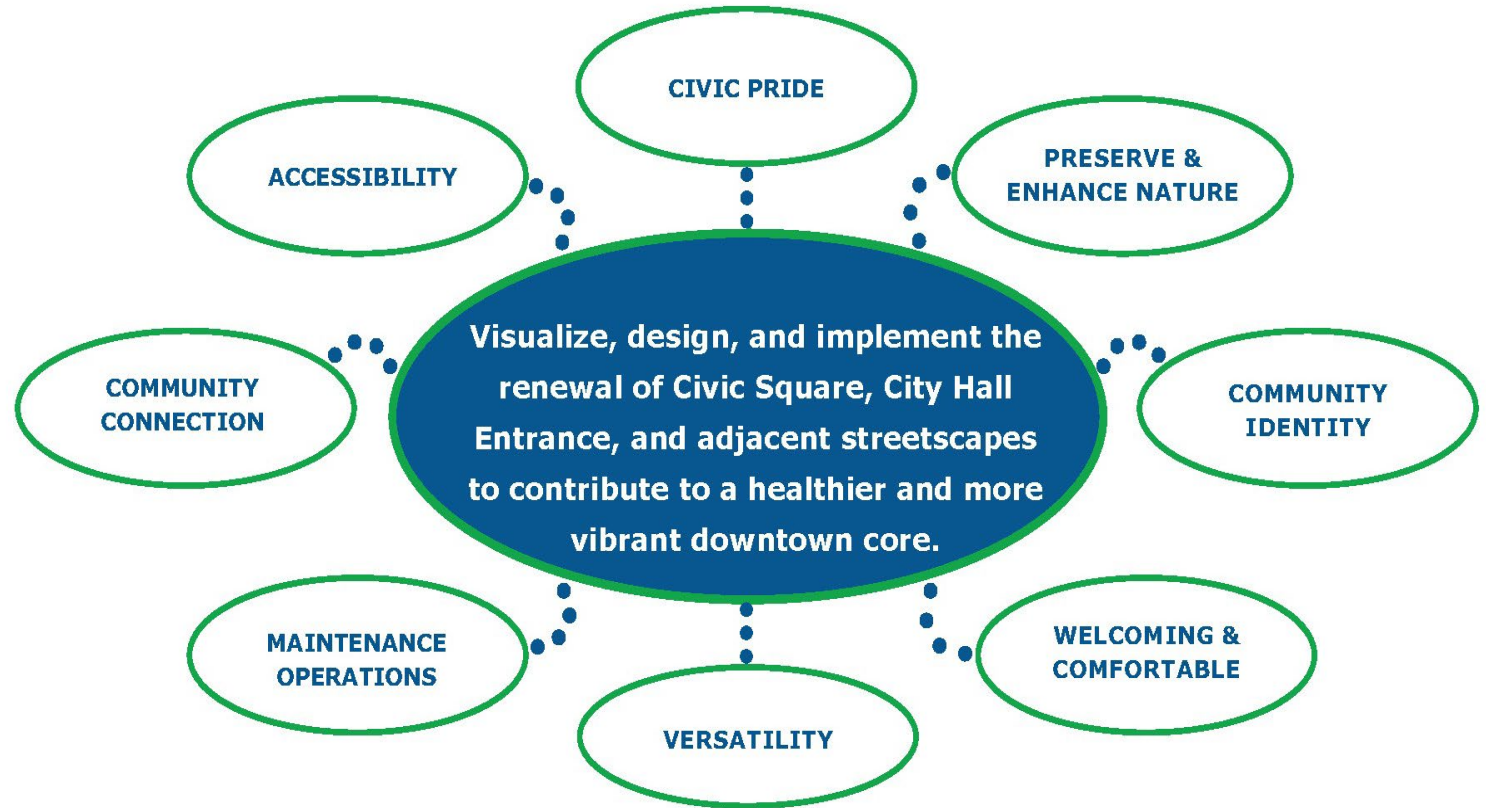
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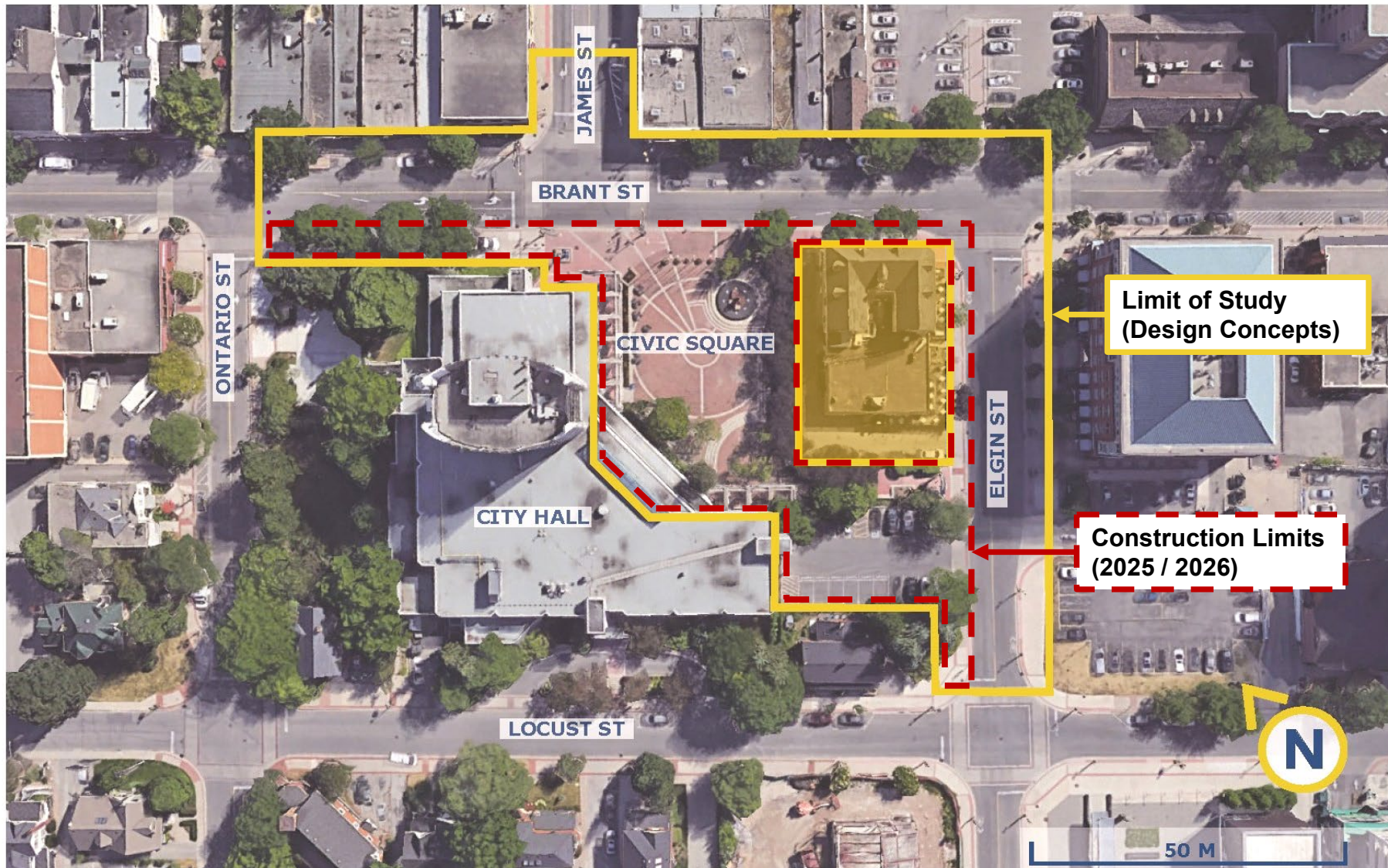
Project Background

To achieve efficiencies and cohesive design, the following capital projects have been combined:

1. Civic Square renewal
2. Architectural changes to City Hall Brant Street entrance and colonnades
3. Streetscape improvements:
 1. Brant Street from Ontario Street to Elgin Street
 2. Elgin Street from Brant Street to Locust Street



Project Background – Limits of Work



Project Background – Source of Funding

Through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP), the Government of Canada is investing \$1,984,900 and the Government of Ontario is investing \$1,653,917.

The city has already committed capital funding of \$884,744 with an additional \$808,750 forecasted in the 2025 Budget.

Capital funding in the amount of \$2,365,000, to support changes to City Hall related to this project, was approved in the 2024 Budget.

CONSTRUCTION BUDGET = \$6,000,000

Project Background - Schedule

Indigenous Engagement

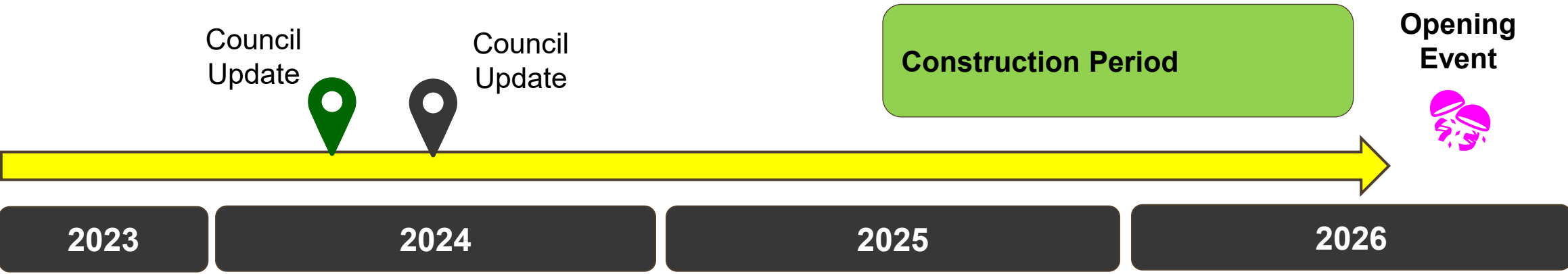
First Nations Consultation

Stakeholder and Community Engagement

Design Development

Detailed Design, Permits and Approvals, and Tendering

Note: The duration of the construction period and opening event dates are based on estimates only. Once the final design is selected, the duration of the construction period will be refined.



Concept Development – Key Factors

Each of the Concept Plans are the result of several key factors, including:

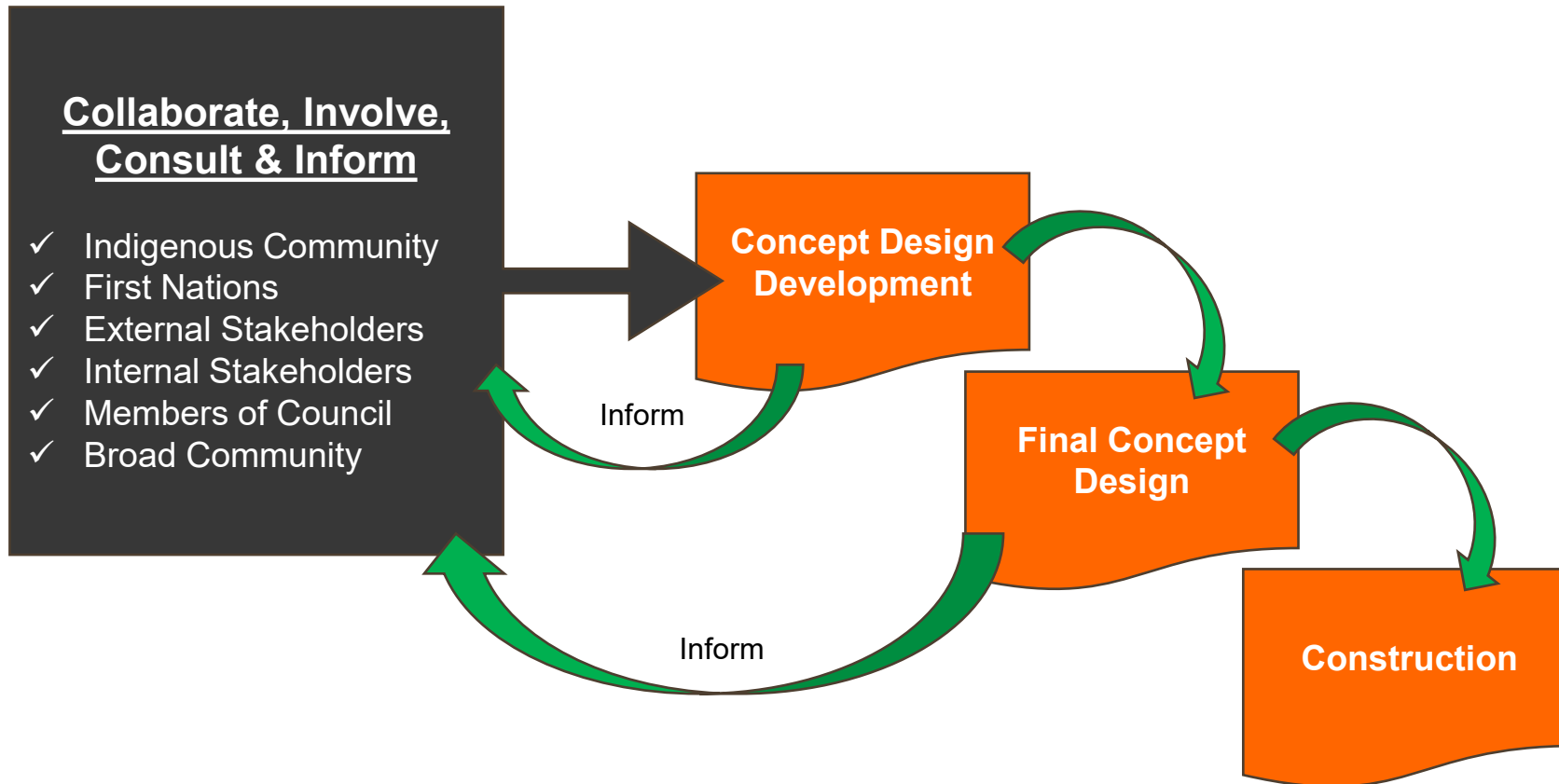
- Site analysis including strengths, weakness, opportunities, and threats (SWOT).
- Site studies including sun/shadow analysis, wind study, grading study, and the application of design guidelines.
- Relationships to adjacent public and private spaces.
- A review of precedent design elements and precedent civic spaces in other communities.
- The assessment and analysis of the key findings from extensive project engagement.

Concept Development – Engagement

Engagement is critical to this project and is built into all stages of design development.

Phase One of engagement began in September 2023 and was complete in February 2024.

Phase Two of engagement began in March 2024 through June 2024.



Concept Development - Engagement

Through the Phase One engagement process, several recurring themes, references and key design elements have become apparent.

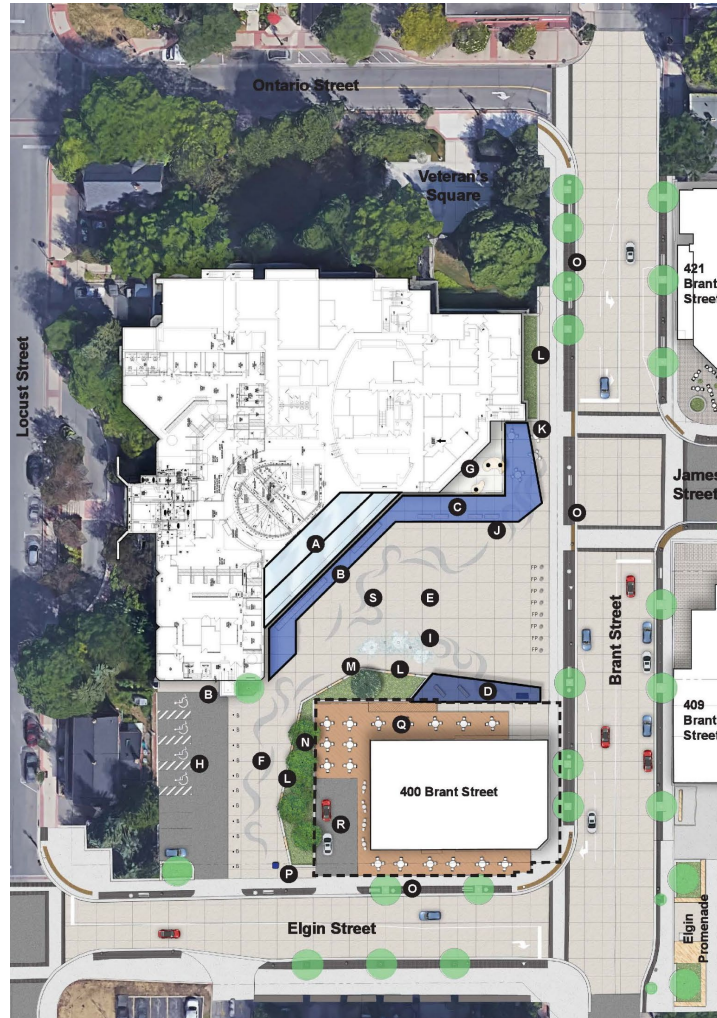
In general, what people value most revolves around the creation of a space that is:

- accessible
- safe
- versatile
- welcoming
- comfortable

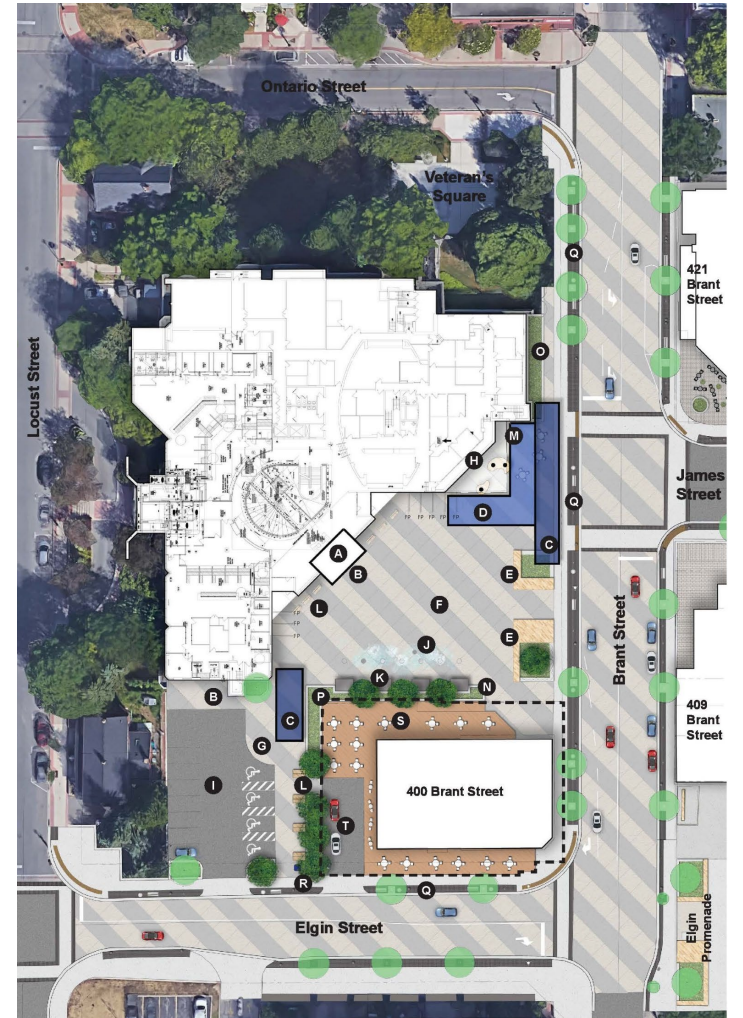
Concept Plans – 3 Options



CONCEPT #1: CANOPIES



CONCEPT #2: ATRIUM



CONCEPT #3: PORTALS

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Design Elements Comparison Chart:

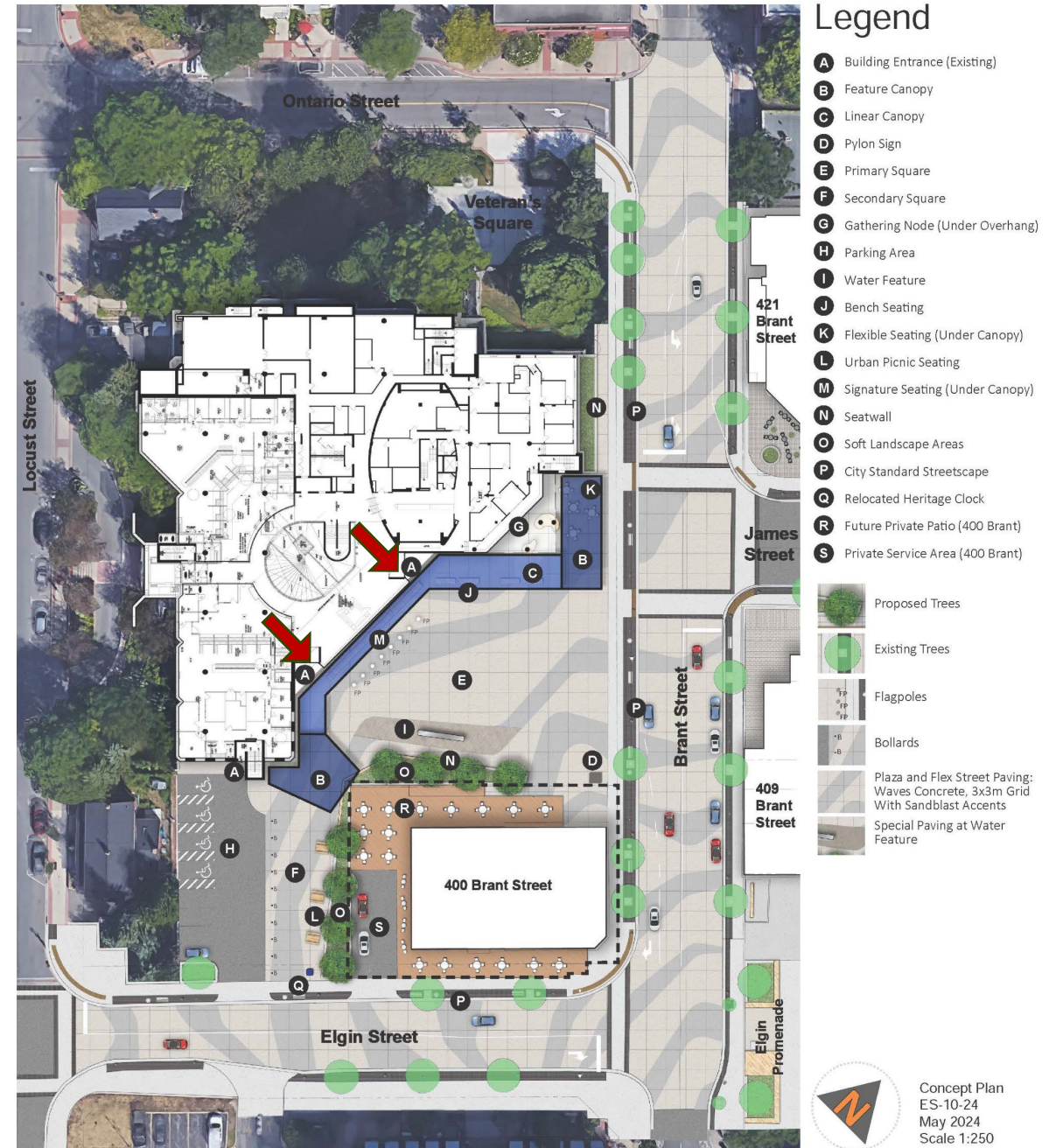
	DESIGN ELEMENTS																
	Entry - Existing Split Entrances	Entry - Single Central Location	Feature Canopy (Brant St, & James St.)	Feature Canopy (visible from Elgin St.)	Shade Canopies (pedestrian scale)	Exterior Rooms	Pedestrian Surfaces (accessible, firm, durable)	Activation of Edges	City Standard Streetscape	Parking - Minor Reduction	Parking - Major Reduction	Water Feature (Interactive)	Heritage Clock (Relocated to Elgin St.)	Flagpoles (8 Total)	Holiday Tree (Permanent)	Landscape Areas	Variety of Seating / Rest Areas
OPTION 1 - CANOPIES	✓		✓	✓	✓	3	Waves	✓	✓		-50%	Water Wall (above grade)	✓	In Front of Building		✓	✓
OPTION 2 - ATRIUM		✓	✓		✓	3	Imprints	✓	✓		-50%	Bubblers (in-ground)	✓	Brant Street Edge	✓	✓	✓
OPTIONS 3 - PORTALS		✓	✓	✓	✓	2	Stripes	✓	✓	-20%		Jets (in-ground)	✓	Building Mounted		✓	✓

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CONCEPT #1: CANOPIES

FRAMEWORK:

- Existing split entries maintained.
- Primary focal point provided at Brant Street and James Street intersection.
- Secondary focal point provided at Elgin Street façade.
- Covered canopies direct visitors to the entries.
- (3) exterior rooms created to support programming.
- Existing parking area reduced.
- Landscaped transition between Civic Square and 400 Brant Street (private).
- All internal stairs, ramps, barriers removed.

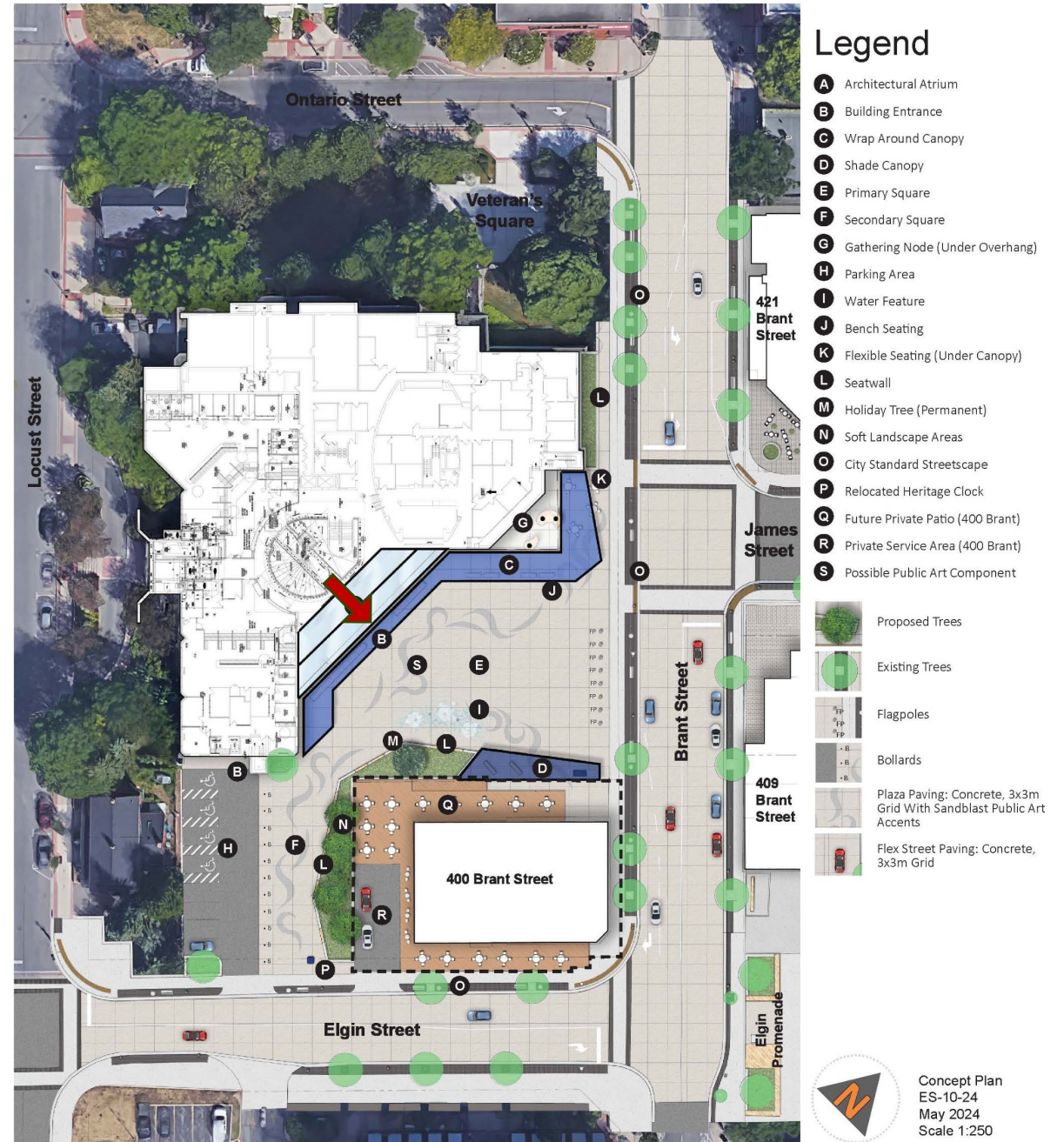


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CONCEPT #2: ATRIUM

FRAMEWORK:

- Consolidated entry created at proposed atrium feature.
- Focal point provided at Brant Street and James Street intersection.
- Covered canopies provided along building façade.
- Secondary shade element provided adjacent to 400 Brant Street.
- (3) exterior rooms created to support programming.
- Existing parking area reduced.
- Partial landscaped transition between Civic Square and 400 Brant Street (private).
- All internal stairs, ramps, barriers removed.

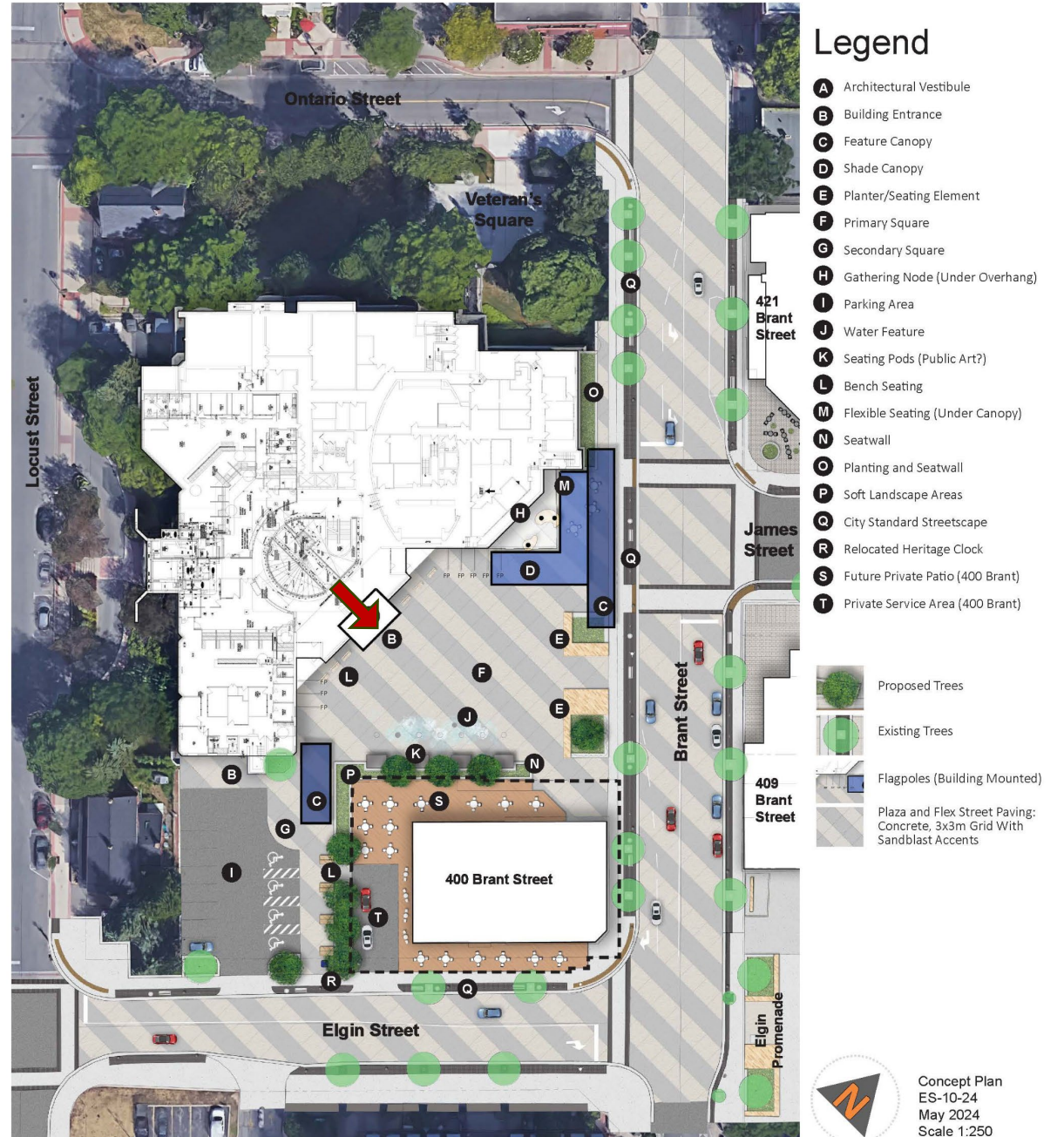


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CONCEPT #3: PORTALS

FRAMEWORK:

- Consolidated entry created at proposed entry vestibule.
- Primary focal point provided at Brant Street and James Street intersection (dual height, freestanding structures).
- Secondary focal point provided at Elgin Street façade.
- Building walls exposed / visible.
- (2) exterior rooms created to support programming.
- Existing parking maintained with minor reduction in area around focal point.
- Partial landscaped transition between Civic Square and 400 Brant Street (private).
- All internal stairs, ramps, barriers removed.



Concept Plan
ES-10-24
May 2024
Scale 1:250

Thank You

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