



Bernard Avenue Revitalization

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Earlier this year, the City of Kelowna hosted three workshops with Downtown business and property owners in conjunction with the Bernard Avenue Revitalization Project. It also held two Open Houses and conducted an online survey to receive input from the community-at-large.

Over the next few months, the consultant to the project will develop two streetscape options to a greater level of detail. These options include 1) retention of the current angle parking and 2) conversion to a parallel parking format.

The next phase of the consultant's work will address the proposed character and aesthetics of the street under each of the above options. More specifically, it will look at materials, street hardware, e.g., benches and bicycle racks, as well as trees and other vegetation. The consultant will also prepare cost estimates for each of the schemes.

Once the consultant's work has progressed sufficiently, Downtown stakeholders and the public will be able to view and comment on the proposed scenarios. This opportunity, in the form of a workshop and a public open house, is expected to take place in the fall, 2010. As a registered stakeholder, you will be notified directly of the dates and times for those events.

The City, in partnership with the Downtown Kelowna Association, is also developing a plan for the construction phase of the project. This package will bring together more information regarding construction timing and phasing as well as strategies to accommodate displaced on-street parking, maintenance of physical access to businesses, and marketing and communications with stakeholders and the media. Downtown business and property owners will be consulted for their input once the basic terms of this package have been prepared.

A summary of the survey results and design work completed to date is available on kelowna.ca/cityprojects.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact me by return e-mail or at 250-469-8605.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. McCormick".

Patrick McCormick
Project Manager