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**DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES - ENGINEERING SERVICES
INFORMATION REPORT ES 2014-11**

TO: Mayor and Members of Council

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Rob Prentice, Commissioner of Development and Infrastructure Services
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Members of OLT

SUBJECT: Walkway at 171 Main Street South

ORIGIN: Director, Engineering Services

PREAMBLE

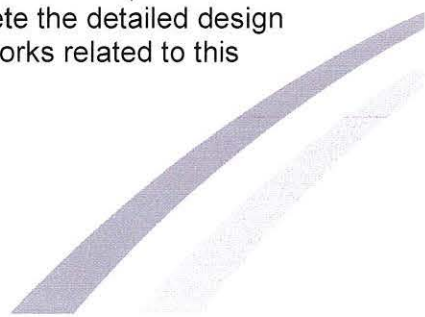
In accordance with the Procedure By-law, any Member of Council may request this Information Report be placed on an upcoming Committee of the Whole agenda for discussion.

BACKGROUND/COMMENTS

The purpose of this report is to provide Town Council with information on the walkway at 171 Main Street South. The walkway is presently considered an access route to neighbouring buildings, parking spaces and the Community Centre. The site has undergone a number of temporary repairs over the years but, as it exists today, it does not conform to new accessibility standards. The approved 2013 Capital budget for the Town includes \$450,000 to complete the reconstruction of the walkway.

In 2012, after a competitive process, the Town retained "Plan by Design" to complete a site assessment for the redesign of the walkway. Conceptual designs were to meet accessibility standards. The Recreation and Culture, Economic Development, Planning, Engineering and Public Works departments were all consulted as part of the assessment. Option 1 A (Appendix A) was chosen by consensus as the best design because it allows the clock tower to become a visible focal point from the P3 parking lot. This option also provides for maximum accessibility from the P3 parking lot to Main Street.

Recently, Town staff was apprised of a potential private development in the area of the walkway. Informal discussions have been held, but no official application has been submitted as of yet. Nonetheless, staff feels that it would be prudent to wait for this application to ensure that the design of the walkway will be compatible with the plans. Once we have ensured that the design complements the development, the Town will send out a request for proposals (RFP) to obtain a consultant to complete the detailed design and oversee the tendering, construction, contract administration and inspection works related to this project.



BUSINESS PLAN AND STRATEGIC PLAN LINKAGES

- Well Equipped and Managed... provides a thorough and timely consideration of applications for development and redevelopment in accordance with all statutory requirements;
- Well Respected... Strive to be respected and valued for our exceptional customer service, quality of life, judgment and innovative programs and services while striving to preserve our heritage and environment.

CONSULTATION

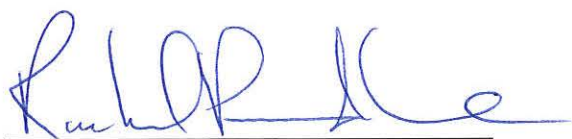
The consultant retained to complete the detailed design of the walkway will be preparing illustrative presentation panels that will be presented to the Main Street District Business Improvement Area (BIA) and at a Public Information Centre (PIC) for input.

BUDGET IMPACT

The approved 2013 Capital Budget included \$450,000 for the reconstruction of the walkway at 171 Main Street South.

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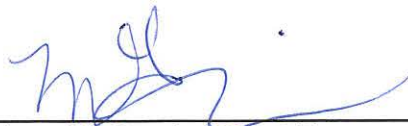
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Appendix A

OPTION ONE A - SERPENTINE PATHWAY AS AN ACCESSIBLE RAMP (with central stair case)

