

# Heritage Vaughan Committee Report

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**TITLE:** UPDATE OF WOODBRIDGE STREETSCAPE MASTERPLAN  
STATUS AT 60% COMPLETION, IN THE WOODBRIDGE  
HERITAGE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

**FROM:**

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**ACTION:** FOR INFORMATION

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**Purpose**

To provide the current status and information to Heritage Vaughan Committee regarding the Woodbridge Streetscape Masterplan as the project clears 60% Design completion.

**Report Highlights**

- The project was initiated in September 2015
- The first two (of three) phases have been completed in 2016 and 2017
- This third and final phase will produce construction drawings for the implementation of the Streetscape Masterplan
- This project was presented and approved at Council in 2018

**Recommendations**

THAT the information outlined in this report and the consultant presentation on the Woodbridge Streetscape Masterplan set out in Attachment 2 be RECEIVED.

**Background**

The City of Vaughan started an urban design initiative to shape the public realm of the Woodbridge Heritage Area and encourage its evolution as a livable, vibrant, and unique community with important cultural and natural resources. The Study is two-fold:

1. To develop an Illustrative Urban Design Guide that provides a greater level of design detail and guidance on development implementation within the Woodbridge

Study Area, in support of the Woodbridge Secondary Plan and Woodbridge Heritage Conservation District Plan.

2. To provide a public realm and streetscape improvement plan with a focus on Woodbridge Avenue.

### **The Consultant Team**

A consulting team led by DIALOG, in conjunction with Phil Goldsmith Heritage Architect, Archaeological Services Inc., and Vermeulens Cost Consulting, has been retained to prepare the Plan and facilitate a unique “on-the-ground” public consultation process intended to promote meaningful discussions toward the development of a well informed and agreed upon Plan.

### **The Process**

The Study was developed in phases and included an extensive community and stakeholder engagement plan. The Study commenced in September 2015 and was developed in three phases of work including:

- **Phase 1:** Background Review & Streetscape Design Frameworks (September 2015 – August 2016)
- **Phase 2:** Final Draft Urban Design Guide and Woodbridge Avenue Streetscape Design & Guidelines, Volume 1 and 2 (September 2016 – April 2017)
- **Phase 3:** Final Draft Woodbridge Avenue Streetscape Implementation Phase 1 Works (started Sept 2020, with expected completion Dec 2021. Tender Q1 2022, Construction start Q2 2022)

### **Previous Reports/Authority**

1. Cultural Landscape Character Assessment (see Attachment 3)
2. Woodbridge Streetscape Masterplan Rendering (see Attachment 4)
3. The 60% design (see Attachment 5)

### **Analysis and Options**

This project was approved at Council in 2018 and has been taken to Heritage Vaughan in previous years for review and approval. Currently the project’s status is undertaking the detailed design and construction component following the approved directions.

The current stage of this phase (Design and Implementation) is at 60% design: it includes all the proposed streetscape design details required for construction. This is the stage where the City can incorporate most input and changes. The next phase is 90% where all design details are finalized, and only minor refinements/tweaking would be considered. Once those are completed, the 100% stage consists of tender drawings.

This report is intended for information to the Heritage Vaughan Committee, and to solicit feedback as applicable.

### **Financial Impact**

There are no requirements for new funding associated with this report.

### **Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations**

There are no broader Regional impacts or considerations.

### **Conclusion**

The Woodbridge Streetscape Masterplan project's third and final phase – Woodbridge Avenue Streetscape Implementation Phase 1 Works – cleared 60% Design completion. Staff is supportive of the project's progress, and as this project impacts the WHCD, this report is intended to inform the Heritage Vaughan Committee of the status of the project, as required under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

**For more information**, please contact: Nick Borcescu, Senior Heritage Planner, Development Planning, ext. 8191

### **Attachments**

Attachment 1 – WoodbridgeStreetscape – Location Map

Attachment 2 – WoodbridgeStreetscape – consultant presentation

Attachment 3 – WoodbridgeStreetscape – Cultural Landscape Character Assessment

Attachment 4 – WoodbridgeStreetscape – colour drawing package

Attachment 5 – WoodbridgeStreetscape – 60% completion package

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