

April 4, 2016

**Summary Brief:           Session #1 – Project Initiation (March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016 | 7:00pm – 8:30pm)  
Imagining Ward 3: Managing Change**

## Introduction

Brook McIlroy Inc., in consultation with City Staff, facilitated Session #1 at the Burnhamthorpe Library on March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The objective of the meeting was to introduce the Imagining Ward 3 study process and to engage participants in identifying the key opportunities and constraints to be addressed throughout the course of the study. The meeting was structured as follows:

## Agenda

7:00pm - 7:15pm	Doors Open / Sign-In
7:15pm – 7:20pm	Introduction to the Project & Individual Top Priorities Exercise
7:20pm – 7:35pm	Consultant Presentation
7:35pm – 7:40pm	Report Back Results of Individual Top Priorities Exercise
7:40pm – 8:15pm	Workshop Exercise: Identify Key Opportunities and Constraints for the Applewood and Rathwood Neighbourhoods
8:15pm – 8:30pm	Reporting Back & Concluding Remarks

## Key Findings

The following points briefly summarize the key opportunities and constraints which were identified throughout the course of the session.

### *General*

- Manage change in Ward 3;
- Create a defensible neighbourhood planning framework; and
- Regulate through Zoning By-Law and Official Plan Amendments, and other implementation tools.

### *Streetscapes*

- Widen sidewalks along arterial roads;
- Incorporate multi-use trails along arterial roads;
- Improve building to street interface along arterial roads;
- Improve access to, and utilization of, Bus Rapid Transit network;
- Soften noise attenuation walls through the use of landscaping;
- Incorporate traffic calming measures on arterial and collector roads;
- Promote active transportation; and
- Increase pedestrian crossings along collector and arterial roads.

### *Park and Open Spaces*

- Retain and enhance the existing network of parks, open spaces and natural heritage features; and
- Create pocket parks and spaces for social encounters.

## *Community Infrastructure*

- Promote community sports and establish new recreation facilities;
- Prioritize community building;
- Promote social programs; and
- Balance development and community infrastructure objectives.

## *Built Form and Architectural Character*

- Protect against over-development of individual properties;
- Ensure appropriate form, massing and density of new development;
- Ensure an appropriate mix of uses; and
- Identify where intensification can and cannot occur.

## *Neighbourhood Character*

- Create a sense of vibrancy and animation;
- Enhance neighbourhood pride and identity;
- Promote cultural and built heritage;
- Determine and reinforce a sense of livable density on a neighbourhood-wide basis; and
- Protect character and identity of existing neighbourhoods, sub-neighbourhoods and character areas.
  - Applewood, Rathwood, Dixiewood, Rockwood, Fleetwood, etc.

## *Business Improvement*

- Establish neighbourhood-specific Business Improvement Area(s);
- Protect local business; and
- Promote commercial façade improvements.

## Next Steps

Brook McIlroy Inc., in consultation with City Staff, will facilitate Session #2 at the Burnhamthorpe Library on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The objective of the meeting will be to present, and obtain feedback on, the key opportunities and constraints identified in Session #1, and to establish community visions and guiding principles for the Applewood and Rathwood Neighbourhoods.