

Downtown Sudbury Master Plan Review – Q4 2024 Update

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Report Summary

This quarterly report provides information regarding the status of the Downtown Sudbury Master Plan Review.

Relationship to the Strategic Plan, Health Impact Assessment and Climate Action Plans

Strategic Objective 2.4 of Council's 2019-2027 Strategic Plan seeks to revitalize Greater Sudbury's Downtown and Town Centres with public investment that supports private investment. The objective specifically includes updating and implementing the Downtown Sudbury Master Plan.

The proposed review of the Downtown Sudbury Master Plan would help achieve Goal 1 of the CEEP regarding compact, complete communities.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Background

The Downtown Sudbury Master Plan (Master Plan) provides guidance for the revitalization of Downtown Sudbury over the 2012-2022 period and beyond (See Reference 1). The Master Plan was developed over a 20-month period that featured a comprehensive examination of existing opportunities and constraints, a visioning exercise, detailed planning and design work, and the active participation of a Community Liaison Group. The Master Plan was received and endorsed by Council in April of 2012.

In September 2022, staff reported that most of the "25 Year-1 Action Items" and many of the "10-Year Action Strategy Projects" have been completed (See Reference 2). As part of the 2023 Budget Process, Council approved funding of \$250,000 for the update of the Master Plan. Staff finalized the procurement process for the Master Plan Update in late 2023. The update is to be undertaken in 4 phases:

1. Initiation and Reconnaissance
2. Visioning and Strategies
3. Draft Master Plan Concept; and,
4. Master Plan Update, culminating in late 2025.

Status

The update is currently moving into Phase 2. The City's Over-to-You website is now active. It is the hub of information for the project and includes information regarding status of the project, resources, next steps, and surveys (See Reference 3).

Community Liaison Group

The City has now established a Community Liaison Group (CLG). The role of the CLG and its members is to provide insight using their lived experiences and subject matter expertise on topics brought forward through the Downtown Master Plan Update process, including by participating in public consultations and community workshops. The group held its first meeting on October 8, 2024, to discuss key issues and opportunities and to explore the themes of the Master Plan Update.

Next Steps

Community Visioning Workshop

As of this writing, the City is planning a Community Visioning Workshop for November 18, 2024, at Place des arts. The goal of the workshop is to seek community input on the issues and opportunities and develop the vision by asking questions such as:

- What do you love about your community?
- What would you like to change?

Out of this interactive workshop, the team will draft a Vision Statement, Principles, and Strategies. These will then be brought back to the City Staff Working Group, Steering Committee and CLG for feedback, and will later be confirmed via a Second Community Workshop anticipated to be held in Q1, 2025.

Resources Cited

1. Downtown Sudbury Master Plan
<https://www.greatersudbury.ca/play/downtown-sudbury/plans/>
2. "Downtown Master Plan Update", Manager's Report presented at the September 26, 2022, Planning Committee Meeting
<https://pub-greatersudbury.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=47509>
3. "Downtown Master Plan Review", Over-To-You Website
<https://overtoyou.greatersudbury.ca/downtown-master-plan-review>
4. "Update on the Downtown Master Plan Review", Correspondence for Information Only, presented at the June 24, 2024, Planning Committee Meeting
<https://pub-greatersudbury.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=53823>