



PORT COLBORNE

Subject: West Street Parkette Upgrades

To: Council

From: Public Works Department

Report Number: 2025-11

Meeting Date: January 28, 2025

Recommendation:

That Public Works Department Report 2025-11 be received for information.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to provide a visualization of the West Street Promenade alterations that will take place this spring directly south of Clarence Street. This project was approved by Council through the 2025 budget deliberations.

Background:

At the corner of West Street and Clarence Street, there is an elevated treed mound surrounded by armour stone. The elevation, narrow structure and uneven surface have created accessibility challenges.

In the 2025 capital budget deliberations, Council approved the removal of the berm and installation of a concrete pad with two pergolas.

Discussion:

The West Street Parkette project is intended to enhance the safety and functionality of the West Street Promenade area south of the Clarence Street bridge.

The project includes removal of the existing armour stone, trees, and earth mound to allow for the installation of a concrete base, two pergolas, modular seating, and planted trees.

The upgraded parkette will improve the functionality of the area making it accessible per AODA guidelines through an inclusive design. The pergola structures will have a power source and be available for public use and lease. The seating area will include multiple inclusive seating options for accessibility. Large planting features will be included to maintain greenspace and provide additional shade throughout the seating areas.

Staff have completed a rendering of the space with the input and support of the Downtown Business Improvement Area as provided in Appendix A.

Removal of the trees, and earth mound began mid January with project completion targeted for May 2025. During this time the area will remain fenced until the weather allows the installation of concrete. This is being done to ensure a late spring completion to minimize disruption during the tourism season in this area.

As noted in the 2025 capital budget deliberations, a request for proposal (RFP) is being developed to rent one of the pergolas.

Internal Consultations:

This project was reviewed by the City's Tourism, Economic Development, Public Works, and Recreation Divisions as well as the Downtown Business Improvement Area representatives.

Financial Implications:

This project has already been funded through the 2025 capital budget deliberations. It is being funded through the levy (\$60,000), and a grant through the Canada Community Building Fund (\$240,000).

Strategic Plan Alignment:

The initiative contained within this report supports the following pillars of the strategic plan:

- Service and Simplicity - Quality and Innovative Delivery of Customer Services
- City-Wide Investments in Infrastructure and Recreational/Cultural Spaces

Conclusion:

The proposed West Street Parkette upgrades provide a functional and inclusive atmosphere for residents and visitors to the City to enjoy.

Appendices:

- Appendix A - Proposed West Street Parkette Rendering

Respectfully submitted,

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Report Approval:

All reports reviewed and approved by the Department Director and also the City Treasurer when relevant. Final review and approval by the Chief Administrative Officer.