

**Scarborough Centre - Public Space Master Plan and Implementation Strategy**

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**SUMMARY**

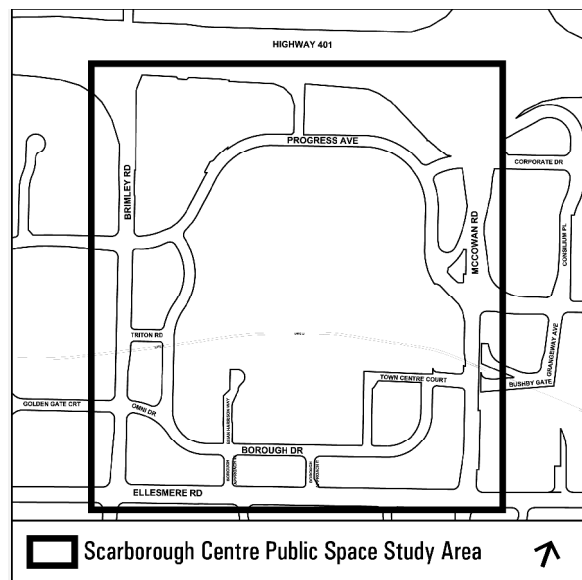
This report advises Scarborough Community Council that the City Planning Division is issuing an RFP to hire a consultant team to produce a ‘Public Space Master Plan and Implementation Strategy’ for the Scarborough Centre.

**Financial Impact**

There are no financial impacts associated with this information report. Provision has been made in the approved 2010 City Planning Capital Budget for this project.

**ISSUE BACKGROUND**

In January 2009, City Council adopted the “Scarborough Centre Civic Precinct Implementation Plan”. This plan was a follow-up to the “Scarborough Centre Secondary Plan” which was initially approved by City Council in 2006 and by the Ontario Municipal Board in 2008. The Secondary Plan sets out broad goals for the future development of the Centre including the establishing of four “Precincts”. The Precinct Implementation Plan looked at advancing the Secondary Plan in one of the precincts – the Civic Precinct. It contains thirteen action items for various City divisions.



The RFP will create a Master Plan and Implementation Strategy for the public spaces of the Centre – the various in-between spaces, including streets and pedestrian infrastructure, which have been created at the Centre, but whose design and implementation has not kept up with the pace of development in the Civic Centre. The Civic Precinct Implementation Plan’s recommendations will form the basis for the Public Space Master Plan although it is proposed to go beyond the Civic Precinct to include bordering precincts in the centre. It will take in the Commercial Precinct (the Mall) and parts of the Brimley Precinct and the McCowan Precinct.

## **COMMENTS**

The Public Space Master Plan and Implementation Strategy will include an overall ‘ease of mobility’ plan for the area of the Centre bounded by Ellesmere Road, Highway 401, the west side of Brimley Road and the east side of McCowan Road. The study will take the Scarborough Centre to the next level of its development by determining how the in-between spaces can be enriched to create a truly vibrant Centre which is not just a collection of disparate buildings. Of particular emphasis will be the integration of the public spaces of the Scarborough Town Centre Mall into the emerging public realm of the rest of the Centre. The study will also identify connection points into the Centre from outside of the study area thereby ‘pre-connecting’ development in those areas.

The RFP targets a completion date of December 31<sup>st</sup> 2010. Co-ordination with other City Divisions and consultation with the public and interested stakeholders will be an integral part of the process as will presentation to the Design Review Panel. Staff will report the results of the study in the early part of 2011 to Scarborough Community Council.

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