



NOTICE OF MOTION

Improving Mercer Street Streetscape

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Malik

Seconded by: Councillor Moise

SUMMARY

The Mercer Street Streetscape Improvement project was initiated by development review staff in Urban Design in 2014 for an enhanced streetscape that included unit paving, the potential for green infrastructure, and bollards for delineation.

Section 37 funds were collected as part of developments along Mercer Street, Blue Jays Way and John Street to be used for this initiative.

In 2024 watermain replacement work was completed, and a pavement layer was installed temporarily, knowing that this road reconstruction project was planned.

The final design includes new unit paving on the roadway and within curb extensions with drop curbs and laybys to facilitate on-street parking and passenger loading zones for the hotels and businesses that front onto Mercer Street. New steel bollards will help delineate the pedestrian and vehicular interfaces, and new bike rings are proposed. While the streetscape design continues to facilitate vehicular movements, it has a stronger focus on pedestrians.

RECOMMENDATION

1. City Council increase the 2026-2035 Capital Budget and Plan for City Planning on a one time-basis by \$1,500,000 gross, \$0 debt, with cash flows of \$375,000 in 2026 and \$1,125,000 in 2027, fully funded by Section-37 community benefits obtained from the development at 15-35 Mercer Street (Source Account: XR3026-3700919), secured for streetscape improvements on Mercer Street (Cost Centre: CUR054-06).

May 20th and 21st