

## **Decision on Downtown Streetscape Improvement Plan**

**DATE: June 8, 2016**

**FROM: Jay Camp**

### **Background/Issue:**

For the past several months, Planning Staff have worked with McGill and Associates on revisions to the Downtown Streetscape Improvement Plan. The 4<sup>th</sup> draft of the document is now posted to the Town website for review. Many of the changes made to the document are small in nature or were sought to make the document better organized and easier to read. For instance, street types, cross sections and renderings are now grouped together. For instance, when viewing the cross section for West John Street, the associated spot improvement drawings are located on the following page and not at the end of the document. We have also added language at the beginning of the plan that addresses situations where an exact cross section does not exist for a section of roadway or when the planned cross section does not fit exactly as drawn due to right of way or other constraints. This gives the Town flexibility when approving streets and street improvements.

We appreciate the attention to detail that Council has shown during development of the plan and hope that you all agree that it is ready for adoption and implementation.

### **Proposal/Solution:**

Adoption of the new Downtown Streetscape Plan allows staff to begin using the new cross sections within the document when new development is planned in downtown Matthews. We will also begin focus on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final phase of the rewrite of the Downtown Plan which is an update to design guidelines.

### **Financial Impact:**

None

### **Related Town Goal(s) and/or Strategies:**

Quality of Life

Economic Development/Land Use Planning

### **Recommended Motion/Action:**

Adopt the Downtown Streetscape Improvement Plan as currently revised

## **Update on Downtown Streetscape Improvement Plan**

**DATE: April 6, 2016**

**FROM: Jay Camp**

### **Background/Issue:**

Staff recently received a 4<sup>th</sup> draft of the document and still have several minor revisions that we plan to incorporate. At this time, we anticipate uploading the final draft of the Streetscape Plan to the Town website next week, allowing for several weeks of review by the Town Board, Town Staff, TAC and citizens.

### **Proposal/Solution:**

Defer decision on Streetscape Improvement Plan one last time to ensure that this long term document is ready for a vote on adoption in May.

### **Financial Impact:**

None

### **Related Town Goal(s) and/or Strategies:**

Quality of Life

Economic Development/Land Use Planning

### **Recommended Motion/Action:**

Defer decision on Downtown Streetscape Plan to May 9th, 2016.