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	D. MCALPINE, GENERAL MANAGER OF COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE SERVICES
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RE:	ALLANDALE AND DOWNTOWN TRANSIT MOBILITY HUBS, ALL WARDS
DATE:	DECEMBER 14, 2022

The purpose of this Memorandum is to provide members of Council with an update concerning the Allandale and Downtown Transit Mobility Hubs.

This project consists of building an inter-regional transit hub within the City of Barrie's Allandale area and a Downtown Mini Hub to host transit services and connections, through a more integrated public transit system.

This project will include the following major components:

- The Allandale Transit Mobility Hub will be located within Barrie's Allandale area to centrally locate an inter-regional transit hub with adjacency to the existing rail corridor. This hub will host seamless transit services and connections between Simcoe County, Muskoka, and the Greater Toronto Area (GTA); and
- The Downtown Mini Hub will include bus stops and sheltered waiting areas located on Maple Avenue. These bus stops will maintain downtown transit service levels and provide direct access routes to and from the downtown. Reducing the footprint of the current transit terminal at 24 Maple Avenue, within the downtown, while preserving route coverage, will support downtown revitalization objectives and provide continued access to Barrie's busiest destination.

Budget and Funding Update:

The modification and application requests submitted to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) to utilize and maximize the remaining funding dollars assigned to Barrie are with Infrastructure Canada (INFC) for final review.

Staff continue to track all costs against the project account and complete quarterly progress reporting, claims reporting and payment request, as required by ICIP.

Project Updates:

Project highlights and updates for Q4, 2022 include:

- The consulting and design team have completed the schematic design and are proceeding with design development; and
- The cost consultant is preparing a Class D cost estimate based on the schematic design.



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Communication Update:

There is a dedicated project website, which includes a project overview, project benefits, project updates, and overall project progress. The website can be accessed at <u>Allandale Transit Mobility Hub & Downtown</u> <u>Mini Hub (barrie.ca)</u>. Staff will continue to update the project website on a quarterly basis until construction commences, at which time, the website will be updated monthly.

The public project phone line, 705-739-4252, and public project email address, <u>ATM.Hub@barrie.ca</u>, are posted on the project website and are being used to receive resident inquiries, concerns, and comments. Staff endeavor to respond to all messages and emails within 48 hours.