

CORPORATE FACILITIES MEMORANDUM

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TO: MAYOR, A. NUTTALL AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

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RE: ALLANDALE AND DOWNTOWN TRANSIT MOBILITY HUBS, ALL WARDS

DATE: JULY 13, 2023

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

Budget and Funding Update:

The City's Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) funding modification request for the design phase of the project has been approved. The City's application request for the construction phase to ICIP is with Infrastructure Canada (INFC) for review and approval, which is required prior to initiating construction onsite.

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

Project Updates:

Project highlights and updates for Q2, 2023 include:

- The consulting and design team are progressing through the construction documents phase that will prepare the tender and building permit packages.
- A pre-qualification has been completed that has short-listed general contractors to bid on the construction of the project.

Facility Name:

The name of this future facility is important. A gateway for transit users in the City of Barrie, it will be used daily to identify a civic facility built within the City's downtown intensification node and urban growth centre, that will also be a fundamental element of the revitalized Essa Road corridor.

To determine a civic and public facing facility name, staff and consultants applied industry best practice and considered general principles to prepare a shortlist of potential facility names. The shortlist was provided to the public to allow feedback and the facility name public engagement closed on April 18th.

Based on the feedback the recommended facility name is Barrie Allandale Transit Terminal.

A facility name should be "easy" to understand, pronounce, and remember, should be "self-locating" to enable users to locate the facility, be "distinctive" as it differentiates from other civic facilities and be "relevant" for the facility's intended purpose.

The recommended facility name is easy to understand, pronounce and remember. The words "Barrie" and "Allandale" help self-locate transit users to this specific area within the City and having both words will allow



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for the potential of future facility naming of terminals as the City continues to grow. Including the word "Transit" makes the naming distinctive and relevant to the purpose of the facility which will be utilized by Barrie Transit, Ontario Northland, and Simcoe Linx buses, while also providing access to other modes of transit including the Metrolinx GO rail station and the Lakeshore-Waterfront Trail cycling path. Additionally, "Terminal" is relevant and suitable for the facility's intended purpose as a terminal refers to a facility that accommodates passenger transfers between transit modes.

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 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> is posted on the project website and is being used to receive resident inquiries, concerns, and comments. Staff endeavor to respond to all messages and emails within 48 hours.