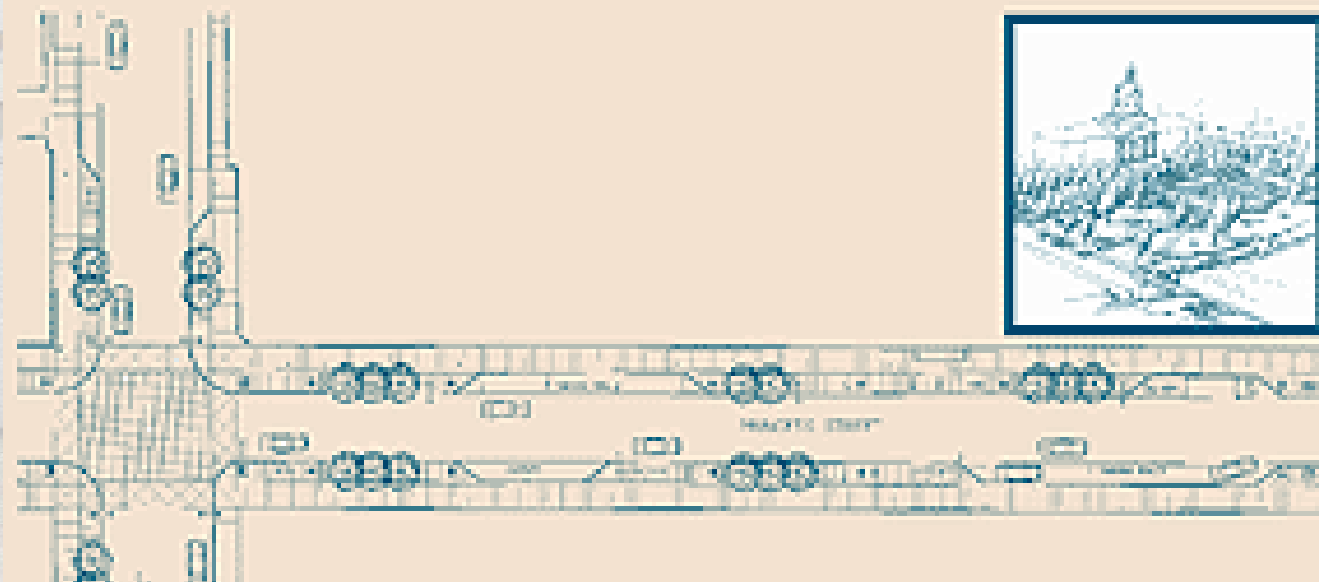


DOWNTOWN KINGSTON! IT'S THE **REAL** DEAL

June 10, 2009 Board of Management Meeting

The Downtown Action Plan – An Overview



DOWNTOWN ACTION PLAN

The DAP: How We Got Here

- **Mid 1990's** – infrastructure issues to forefront
 - Council decided surface treatment should be designed in advance – held stakeholder/focus groups
- **June 2002** - Downtown Design Concept “*Defining the Issues for a Downtown Action Plan*”
 - “unify the downtown public infrastructure through a comprehensive landscape & public space strategy”
- **Fall 2002** – more public input, committees formed, Expression of Interest prepared for hiring of consultants
- **2003** – Corush Sunderland Wright hired to write DAP
- **March 2004** – final document delivered to Planning
- **September 2004** DAP adopted in principal by Council

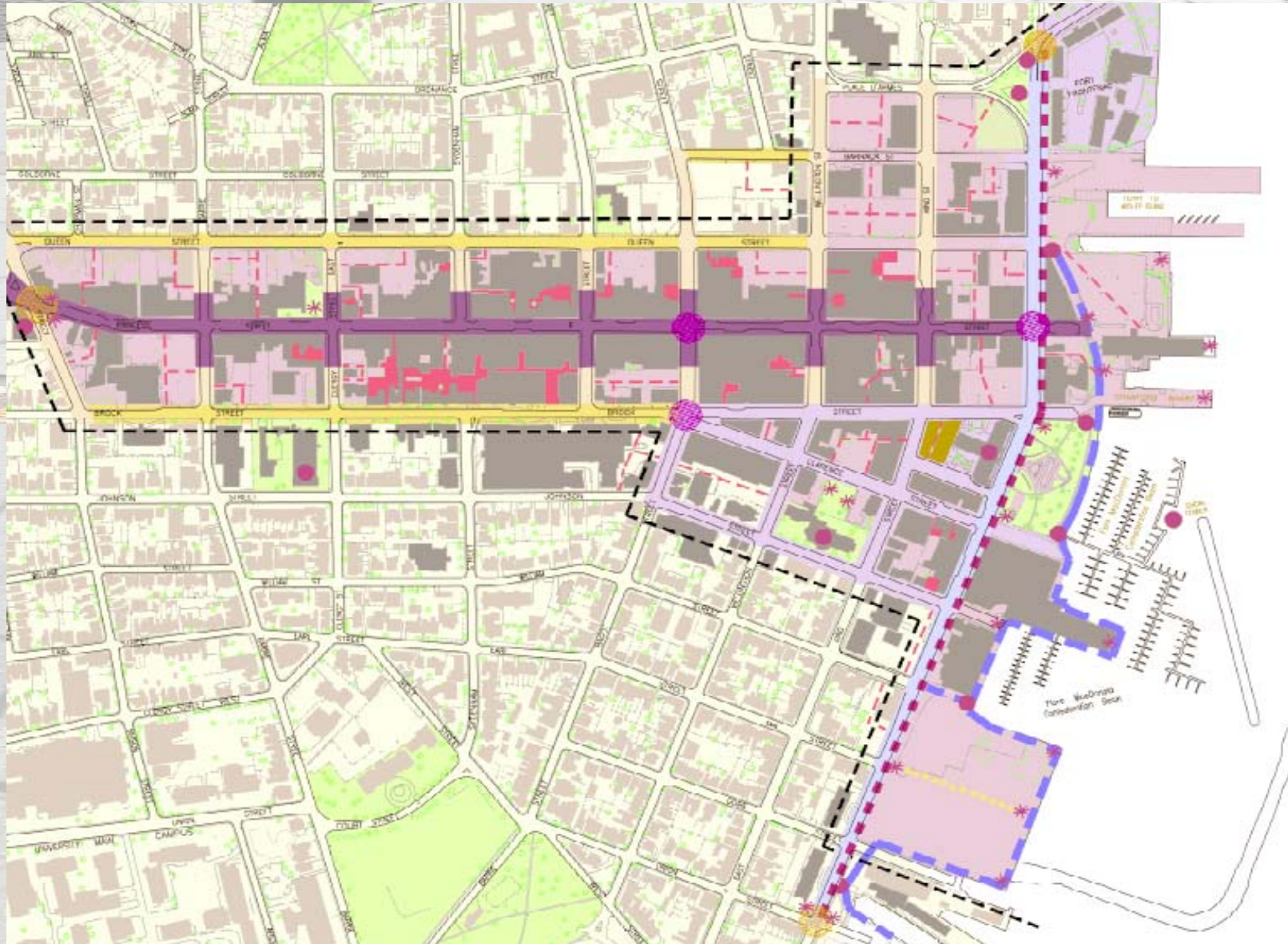
What is the DAP?

- An urban design study dealing with both infrastructure renewal and public open space plan
- Approximately 36 blocks – BIA geography, 9 km of roadway and sidewalks
- Construction is building face to building face
- All infrastructure (storm/sanitary sewers, waterlines, electrical, Bell, fibre optics)
- Treatment of all streets, sidewalks, parks, waterfront (materials, lighting, signage, public art, courtyards, traffic, etc.)
- Estimated cost of \$80 million spread over 10 – 15 years

Elements of the DAP

- Identified 4 character areas:
 - Princess St. commercial streetscape
 - Historic District (between Brock and Johnson)
 - Redevelopment lands (North Blocks, Block D)
 - The waterfront
- Outlined specific streetscape ideas for each
- Establishment of ‘gateways’ to the downtown, enable regular Ontario St. closures, special treatment for Princess/Bagot, new treatments for parks, more courtyards
- Purpose was to build on what we already had with the *“overall vision of supporting and improving the economic viability and quality of the downtown environment”*

Overall Schematic



Princess St. Recommendations

- 3 metre sidewalks – 2.4 to 2.6 metre boulevards with concrete pavers
- Granite curbs
- Pedestrian level and streetlights
- Open planters
- Benches, garbage cans, bike racks
- Signal poles/node markers with integrated street name signs
- Landmarks at both Division and Ontario



Princess @ Bagot

- Special treatment as the ‘centre’ of the downtown (geographic and # people)
 - Also connects to the Historic District at Brock/Clarence
 - Calls for granite pavers in street, special signage and other communication pieces to identify it’s significance

Confederation Park

- Identified as the 'symbolic heart' of Kingston (with City Hall and Market Square)
- Discussed making it more of a heritage resource
- Terraces/enlarged stage area
- Reorganizing of docking spaces
- Narrowing of streets, gates, larger washroom area
- Display areas/art installations



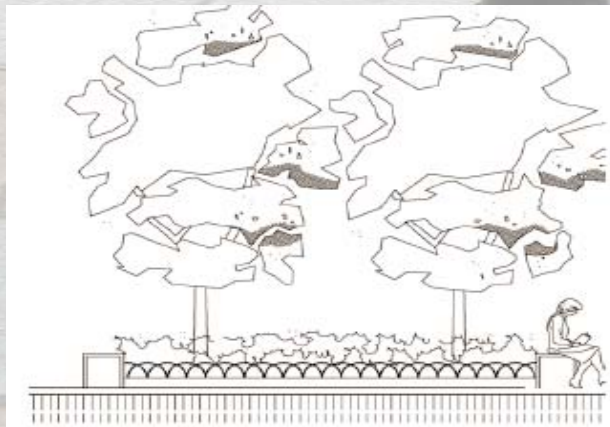
Material/Elements



Princess St. - General Look



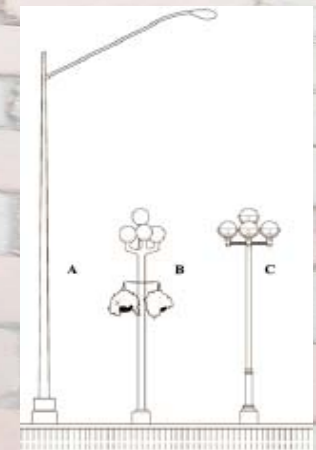
Gateway



Princess St. - Planters

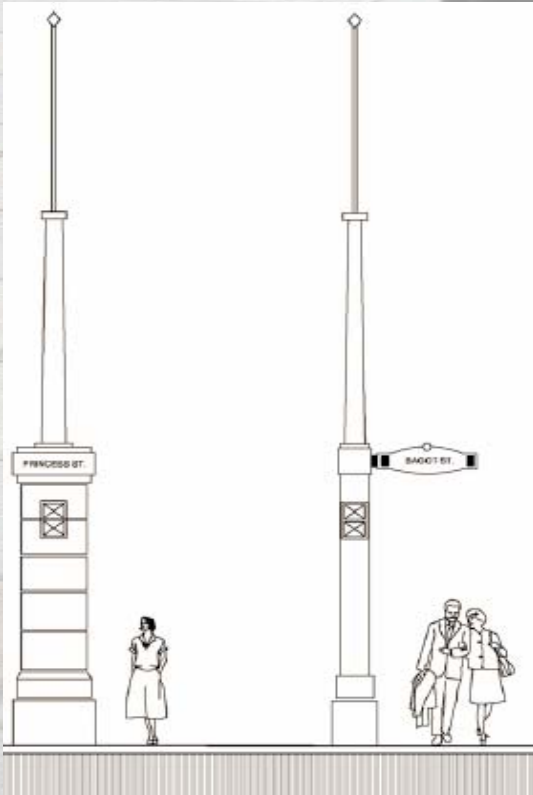


Ontario St. Gates



Princess St. - Lights

Material/Elements



Princess St. – Markers/signs



Princess Street Bench



Princess Street Waste Receptacle



Princess Street Bollards



Princess Street Bike Racks



Parks & Historic District Waste Receptacles



Parks & Historic District Benches



Waterfront Promenade Bike Racks



Waterfront Promenade Benches

Street Furniture

Implementation to Date

- **Spring/summer 2005** – Wellington St. from Princess to Bay
- **Summer/fall 2005** – Market Square surface, Market St.
- **March (!) 2006 to June 30 2006** – Brock (Ontario to King), King (Brock to Clarence)
- **2007** – streets around the K-Rock Centre
- **2008** – overlay of Princess (Division to Bagot); road surface of Brock (King to Wellington); more around K-Rock Centre; Clergy (Princess to Earl)
- **2009** – Brock (Alfred to Division); vault at A-1

Proposed

- **2010** – finish Brock St. (Division to Clergy); Princess (Holiday Inn to King); King (Brock to Princess); Barrie (William to Princess)
- **2011** – No work scheduled
- **2012** – Princess St. (King to Bagot)????

Issues, Remedies & Next Steps

- Meeting June 24 at 7:30 a.m. – Confederation Place Hotel (Businesses, City, Kingston Construction Association)
- Meeting – materials, placement, etc. TBD
- Concerns re: lighting plan, character areas, parks – new task force?
- Investigation of tax deferrals
- Additional promos – construction, parking, etc.
- Communications Plan – DK!, City
- Traffic Plan - TBD