



# SANDWICH STREET \$1 MILLION ENHANCEMENTS

As part of the Community Benefits Plan, the project is investing an additional \$1 million to further enhance the Sandwich Business Improvement Area.

Following a two-year consultation process, Bridging North America developed designs that will result in a vibrant, enhanced area for residents and visitors. The design focuses on the prioritized areas identified by the community, including landscaping, gathering spaces and hardscaping and also aligns with municipal standards and requirements and the Sandwich Heritage Conservation District Plan. Attention was given to ensuring the use of durable, quality materials and long-term investment items. Streetscaping construction will occur in coordination with the Sandwich Street road reconstruction.

## HIGHLIGHTS:

### Landscaping:

- Soil cells, underground infrastructure that provide favorable conditions to support growth of healthy tree roots leading to expanded canopy, will be installed within the BIA district. While they are underground and invisible to street users, they will yield long-term reward through an enhanced tree canopy beyond what average street trees may offer
- Low concrete planters repositioned away from curbs that will be planted with low-maintenance trees, grasses and perennials
- Sod will be used along sections of the boulevards to align with the City's Sandwich Heritage Conservation District Plan that calls for limiting paved surfaces

### Gathering Spaces:

- Groupings of benches and trees will be incorporated in key areas throughout the BIA to allow for areas of rest and socialization
- Space is reserved near the northwest corner of Sandwich Street and Mill Street for installation of an enhanced infrastructure feature by the Sandwich BIA that will serve as a gathering space

### Hardscaping with Heritage Features:

- Pre-cast pavers in a historical colour will be installed at key intersections to create feature areas
- Decorative tree grates in a heritage finish and pattern will be installed to expand the usable sidewalk area for walkers or possible sidewalk cafes
- Sidewalk tactile pads with a heritage finish will be installed at intersections rather than the city standard of bright yellow

## CONCEPTUAL DESIGN RENDERINGS OF KEY SANDWICH STREET LOCATIONS:

**Intersection of Sandwich Street and Brock Street**



*This intersection displays the sidewalk tactile pads in a heritage finish, low concrete planters with landscaping, a gathering space and sod boulevards.*

**Intersection of Sandwich Street and Mill Street**



*This conceptual image displays the sidewalk tactile pads in a heritage finish, pre-cast pavers in a historic colour palette, gathering spaces, heritage tree grates and trees planted in soil cells to allow for larger canopy growth.*

**Intersection of Sandwich Street and Detroit Street**



*This conceptual image displays the sidewalk tactile pads in a heritage finish, gathering spaces and trees*

**Mackenzie Hall and Parkette**



*This conceptual image displays a gathering space, pre-cast pavers in a historic colour palette, heritage tree grates, trees planted in soil cells to allow for larger canopy growth and sod boulevards*



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## CONSULTATION PROCESS:

From 2022-2024, the project held numerous meetings with the public, Sandwich residents and businesses, including the Sandwich BIA and other stakeholders to help identify priority investment areas for streetscape design. A survey was undertaken in winter 2023 asking respondents to help prioritize four investment areas.

Survey respondents were asked to rank these four categories of investment areas:

**Hardscaping:** Benches, planter fences, and waste receptacles.



**Landscaping:** Potted plants or trees, flowering shrubs, planter boxes, tall grasses or other vegetation.



**Gathering spaces:** Seating areas of tables and benches, alone or in clusters to allow for community interaction.



**Active transportation:** Bike racks, wayfinding signage, or bicycle repair stations.



*\* Photos are illustrative examples only and do not reflect actual design*

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