



Hamilton

INFORMATION REPORT

TO:	Chair and Members Public Works Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	March 20, 2017
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Alleyway Management Strategy Update (PW17008) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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Council Direction:

City Council at its meeting October 12, 2011 approved the following:

(b) That the General Manager of Public Works be directed to provide subsequent updates and further recommendation reports as a preferred strategy identified in the Alleyways Management Program for the City of Hamilton;

The purpose of this Information Report is to provide Council with a status update on the Alleyway Management Program short term action plans.

Information:

An update on the short term initiatives was provided in 2012 to Public Works Committee through Report PW07033(b) Alleyway Management Program - Development Strategy.

The Strategy Study recommended a series of short, medium and long term initiatives which are necessary components of a comprehensive Alleyways Management Program.

Since that time, staff have been working through the action items and made progress in a number of areas. An update on the Medium Term initiatives follows:

2.1 Undertake a physical asset condition assessment of all alleyways within the inventory

An assessment of the current condition of the alleyway inventory was complete and included in the 2016 State of the Infrastructure Report Card presented to Public Works Committee on July 7, 2016.

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2.2 Develop an Alleyways Classification System (Hierarchy)

Work has been initiated on development of a classification system for alleyways using the condition assessments as well as requirements under the provincial Minimum Maintenance Standards regulation. The resulting hierarchy will help to establish the framework for asset management plans for alleyways.

2.3 Develop an Alleyways Asset Management Strategy, addressing rationalization, improvement and maintenance programs to address stakeholder and citizen inputs, interests and concerns, identified through the review process

During our research and consultation with internal stakeholders, new or emerging concepts have come to light. Within the last few years, the traditional view of alleyways has changed and new ideas for the possible re-purposing of alleys for different functions are being explored. In response to which we have established a cross-divisional, inter-departmental working group to work through the development of a Strategy using a collaborative and comprehensive approach. The working group includes representatives from Planning, Growth Management, LRT, Water, Trails, Neighbourhood and Community Initiatives, Parking & By-Law, Risk, Legal, Roads, Asset Management, Corridor Management, and Strategic Planning.

2.4 Develop Administrative policies to improve the management of private encroachments onto alleyways

Once complete, the Alleyway Management Strategy should identify areas that would benefit from new or revised policies and procedures in a more holistic manner. A clear and consistent approach to dealing with encroachments will be developed at that time.

As the longer term initiatives are dependent on outcomes from the foregoing work, additional progress cannot be made on the remaining actions until the preceding initiatives have been complete.

Staff will continue to update Committee and Council as progress is made or at critical decision points within the initiative.