

Barton Street and Fifty Road Improvements RECOMMENDATION REPORT PED25145

Planning Committee

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Planning and Economic Development Department Growth Management Division

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- 1. Background:
 - Fruitland-Winona Secondary Plan Overview
 - Study Area
 - Project Process

2. Recommendations FOR APPROVAL

- Study Recommendations
- 30-Day Public Review
- 3. Next Steps







Barton Street and Fifty Road Improvements Study Area – Bird's Eye View





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Barton Street and Fifty Road Improvements Study Process and Timeline





Barton Street and Fifty Road Improvements Study Objectives



- Provide safe, comfortable, accessible, and efficient pedestrian and cycling facilities.
- Improve connectivity.
- Improve safety and reduce delays at intersections, for all vehicles and modes of transportation.
- Create an innovative, landscaped, linear green space along the south side of Barton Street.
- Ensure both commuter and recreational transportation needs are met across all age groups and transportation modes.



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Economic Prosperity and Growth



Healthy and Safe Communities



Clean and Green



Built Environment and Infrastructure



Culture and Diversity



City of Hamilton's Community Vision

Barton Street and Fifty Road Improvements Public and Stakeholder Engagement (MCEA process)



Stakeholders list included:

- Community Liaison Committee
 (residents/landowners, businesses and developers)
- Indigenous Peoples (All Treaty Nations)
- Regulatory Agencies (e.g., Ministry of Transportation, Ontario Hydro, Hamilton Conservation Authority)
- Study Area Landowners (120m on each side)

Methods included:

In person and Virtual Meetings, Public Information Centre, Social Media, Direct Mail, Newspapers



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Alternatives Considered:

- 1. Horizontal alignments (location of the road within the corridor).
- 2. Cross-sections (where the roadway elements will be in relation to each other pedestrian, cycling, transit, boulevards, trees, and vehicular traffic)
- 3. Intersection Control
 - roundabouts / signalization / stop signs
 - rail crossing need for grade separation





Barton Street and Fifty Road Improvements Evaluation Criteria



- Connectivity for all modalities

- Stormwater management
- Noise Study
- Efficient movement of goods, and people
- All road user safety
- Corridor capacity
- Compatibility with Fruitland Winona Secondary Plan Policies, Official Plan, Complete Streets Guidelines and Vision Zero.

Socio-Economic **Impact** on **residences and** existing area business

- Emergency service impacts

- **Consistency** with planned land uses, City-wide Transportation Master Plan, Strategic Network Assessment Plan.



Transportation

and Engineering

Barton Street and Fifty Road Improvements Evaluation Criteria Cont'd





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- Cost-effective infrastructure
- planning
- Capital cost
- Property acquisition



- Archaeology and built heritage

(Stage 1 completed, Stage 2 (where needed) at Detailed Design).

 Cultural features and landscapes (Streetscape Master Plan to be carried out during Detailed Design).



- Natural Environment impacts based on field work.

(This work is to be updated during Detailed Design for Barton and Fifty Road and in subsequent studies for Rail Crossing)

 Climate Change considerations included trees in their final locations.





- **1. Two-lanes** of vehicular traffic in each direction with a centre turning lane, and medians where feasible.
- 2. Sidewalk on the north side and a meandering Multi-Use-Path / Promenade on the south side throughout.
- **3. Boulevards** on both sides of the road, with **trees** and **street lighting**.
- 4. 36.6m right-of-way.
- 5. Consistent with the **Complete Street Design Guidelines Manual**.





Fruitland Road to Fifty Road – Ultimate Configuration



36.0 m







Changes to the recommended design concept driven through public consultation:

- ➢ Right-of-way width **decreased** from 40.6m to 36.6m.
- Corridor safety improved through combining active transportation features into Multi-use-Path on south side of road
- Interim configuration to be implemented in the first stage of construction (short to medium term) east of Lewis Road.



Barton Street and Fifty Road Improvements Barton Street - Property Impacts East of Lewis Road for Preferred Design





Lewis Road to Fifty Road – Interim Configuration





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- 1. A shift of the road centre line to the east.
- 2. South of Barton **One-lane** of vehicular traffic in each direction with a centre turn lane south to Highway 8 (three lanes in total); **26m right-of-way**.
- 3. North of Barton **Two-lanes** of vehicular traffic in each direction north to South Service Road (four lanes in total); **30m right-of-way**.
- 4. A **Multi-Use-Path** on the west side throughout.
- 5. An **intersection realignment** at Highway 8 to improve safety.
- 6. Consistent with the **Complete Street Design Guidelines Manual**.



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South of Barton Street – Ultimate Configuration





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North of Barton Street – Ultimate Configuration





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CN Rail Crossing

- Potential new grade-separation with Fifty Road extending under the CN Rail driven by growth in rail traffic.
- Future Class EA Study if / when **rail traffic increases.** Study would confirm need, assess impacts of alternative designs, including property requirements and cost of construction.





20 Barton Street and Fifty Road Improvements **SUMMARY**



Barton Street and Fifty Road Recommended Improvements:

- 1. Comply with / consistent with preceding Council-approved policies:
 - Fruitland-Winona Secondary Plan and Urban and Rural Hamilton Official Plans,
 - Complete Streets Design Guidelines Manual
 - Climate Change Strategy
 - Vision Zero Action Plan
 - Strategic Transportation Network Review
- 2. Exceed the public engagement requirements of the appropriate phases of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process by providing transparent and thorough decision-making process.



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 That the Environmental Study Report respecting the Municipal Class Environmental Assessments for Barton Street and Fifty Road Improvements (Phases 3 and 4), and Fifty Road / CN Rail Crossing (Phases 1 and 2), included as Appendix A to PED25145, **BE APPROVED**; and that the General Manager of Planning and Economic Development be authorized to place the Environmental Study Report out for minimum 30-day public review.





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Barton Street and Fifty Road Improvements **Next Steps**



- 1. Post Report for **Minimum 30-day Public Review**
 - Address any comments received including Section 16 Orders (appeals) based on Indigenous Rights and Treaties.
 - Minor Amendments: update Environmental Study Report, post online, notify Ward Councillor.
 - Major Amendments: update Environmental Study Report, repeat public notifications per Slide 7.
- 2. Detailed Design and property acquisition
- 3. Construction











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