

## Public Realm Advisory Committee

March 30, 2015

Ontario Room

Attendance:

<u>Members:</u> Councillor Valerie Burke (via teleconference) Councillor Alex Chiu Omar Bhatti  <u>Regrets:</u> Councillor Logan Kanapathi Hanif Nori, Chair Sadiq Pirani	<u>Staff:</u> Brett Lucyk, Public Realm Coordinator Catherine Jay, Manager, Urban Design Kiran Saini, Legislative Coordinator, Meeting secretary
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The Public Realm Advisory Committee convened at 5:38 PM without quorum with Omar Bhatti presiding as Chair.

### 1. Presentation on Public Realm Strategy

Brett Lucyk provided the Committee with an update on the draft public realm strategy document and presented a brief PowerPoint presentation. He advised that Staff had engaged the public at various events and forums to receive their input. Community response was summarized and included as part of the draft public realm strategy document. The response from community members generated a number of action items that have also been captured within the draft document.

The goals of public realm were discussed as they relate to the action items. Since the last draft was presented to the Committee, Brett Lucyk advised that action items have been added and none have been removed.

It was noted that the draft strategy is scheduled to be presented to General Committee in April 2015 with subsequent approval from Council. Upon Council approval, an initiation of work programs will commence. The City's sign by-law was discussed by the Committee as an area of review.

There was significant discussion on funding sources and public outreach through social media outlets such as Twitter, Facebook and Instagram. It was suggested that the Committee develop a stronger online presence to engage community members.

Discussion ensued on areas in North America such as Riverwalk in San Antonio, Texas that have utilized their public spaces around a body of water efficiently.

The Committee was pleased with Staff's work on the presentation and the latest version of the draft public realm strategy.

**2. Adjournment**

The Public Realm Advisory Committee adjourned at 6:22 PM.

**3. Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting will likely be held in May or June.