## Queen Street Reconstruction

**Council Presentation** 

January 26, 2016





#### INTRODUCTION

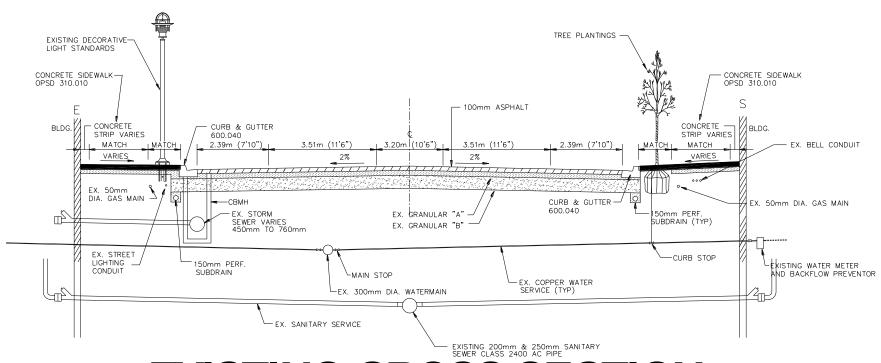
- Limits: Thomas Street to Peel Street
- Major Components:
  - Water Service Replacement
  - Asphalt Rehabilitation
  - Sidewalk Reconstruction
  - Improve Accessibility
- Opportunities:
  - Façade improvements
  - Church Street Intersection radius improvements

#### **BACKGROUND**

- Full Reconstruction in 1972
  - Storm Sewers
  - Sanitary Sewers
  - Watermains
  - Services
  - Roads & sidewalk
- Copper water service repairs
- Water St. signals installed in the 1960's

#### BACKGROUND

- Wellington St. signals installed in the 1960's
- Church St. signals installed in the 1980's and then modifications done in the late 1990's
- Queen St illumination (conc. Poles, HPS lights) mid 1990's

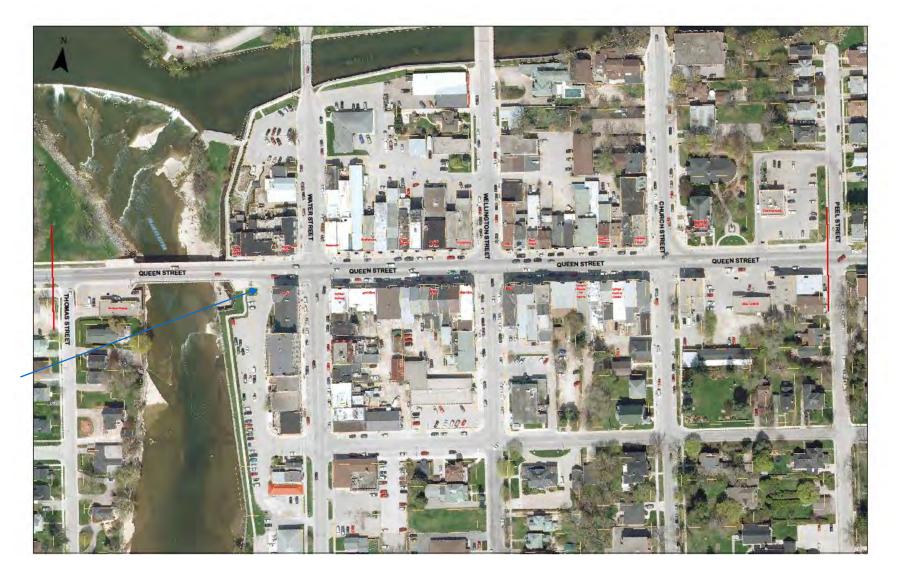


#### **EXISTING CROSS SECTION**

#### **OUT OF SCOPE**

- Replace existing light standards
- Replace the sanitary sewer
- Replace the storm sewer
- Replace the watermain

### LIMITS OF PROJECT



### THOMAS ST. TO WATER ST.



#### WATER ST. TO WELLINGTON ST.



#### WELLINGTON ST. TO CHURCH ST.

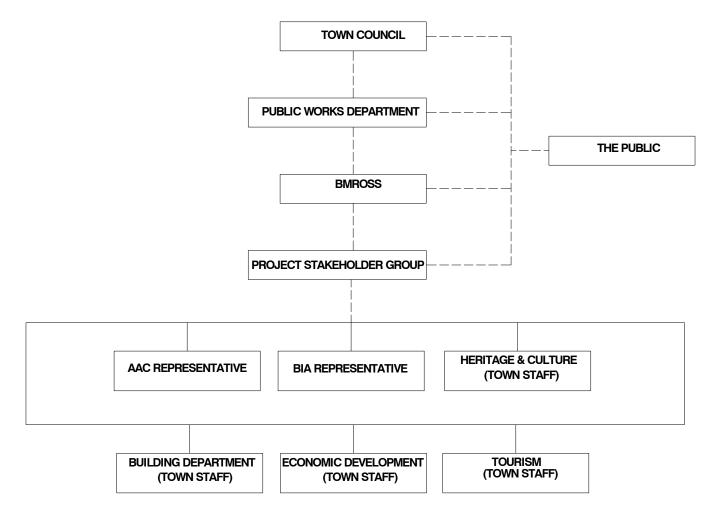


#### CHURCH ST. TO PEEL ST.





### PROJECT STRUCTURE



#### STATUS OF DESIGN

- Road grades
- Sidewalk grades and crossfalls
  - AODA support
- Investigated basements
- Traffic Study
  - Semi-actuated signals
  - Improve pedestrian line painting at Church St.

#### STATUS OF DESIGN

- Removal & New Construction dwgs
- Pedestrian Signals
- Semi-Actuated signals
- On-going discussions regarding:
  - Construction Staging
  - Service replacements
  - Detours



Varying step height

More than one step



Wide Entrance



Temporary Ramp



#### SCOPE CREEP

- Victoria Bridge
  - Replace water proofing membrane
  - Rehabilitate existing manholes to minimize infiltration
  - Widen the sidewalk
- Decorative poles and fixtures between Church & Peel
- Replace Traffic Controllers

#### **SCOPE CREEP**

- Replace HPS fixtures with LED fixtures
- Review accessible parking
- Repair 3 sanitary services

#### Victoria Bridge Sidewalk Widening





Cracked pole

#### **OPPORTUNITIES**

- Gateway Feature at east limit of Victoria Bridge
- Gateway Feature at Town Hall corner

#### TRAFFIC STUDY

- Replace existing 2 controllers with 3 controllers
- Upgrade signal operations from fixed time and after hours flash mode to provide semi– actuated operation
- Include full pedestrian control with Pedestrian Heads
- Adjust signal timing

#### TRAFFIC STUDY

- Water Street geometrics would allow for a north/south third lane
- Church Street truck traffic does not support the need for the compound curve
- Amend pedestrian line painting at Church Street

# ACCESSIBILITY FOR ONTARIANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (AODA)

- The Standard applies to all public spaces that are newly-constructed or redeveloped under the following conditions:
  - The organization that is responsible for the construction or redevelopment of the public space entered into a contract for the project after December 31, 2012

**AND** 

 The construction or redevelopment project will be substantially completed on or after the date January 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 for Designated Public Sector Organizations

#### **AODA EXCEPTIONS**

- Impact on wildlife, the environment and cultural heritage. For example:
  - Properties protected by the Ontario Heritage Act
  - Historic Sites and Monuments Act
  - United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organizations (UNESCO)

#### **AODA EXCEPTIONS**

- Existing Site Constraints
  - Existing site constraints may prevent parts of a project from complying with some accessibility requirements. The regulation allows for such exemptions. For example:
  - Existing topography

#### **AODA EXCEPTIONS**

- Organizations must ultimately determine if their circumstances require exceptions.
- Organizations should be able to provide:
  - Proof that the exception was necessary
  - A rationale explanation why they did not meet a requirement

#### AODA Section 80.28

#### Exterior paths of travel, accessible pedestrian signals

80.28 (1) Where new pedestrian signals are being installed or existing pedestrian signals are being replaced at a pedestrian crossover, they must be accessible pedestrian signals. O. Reg. 413/12, s. 6.

- (2) Accessible pedestrian signals must meet the following requirements:
  - 1. They must have a locator tone that is distinct from a walk indicator tone.
- 2. They must be installed within 1,500 mm of the edge of the curb.
- 3. They must be mounted at a maximum of 1,100 mm above ground level.
- 4. They must have tactile arrows that align with the direction of crossing.
- 5. They must include both manual and automatic activation features.
- 6. They must include both audible and vibro-tactile walk indicators. O. Reg. 413/12, s. 6.

## PROPOSED AODA DESIGN ELEMENTS

- Tactile surfaces at intersections
- Audible pedestrian signals
- Grades & crossfall for the Path of Travel
- Access to stores where achievable

#### PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS

Audible/Tactile Pushbutton



Pedestrian Signal





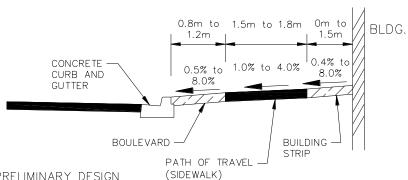


#### **AODA**

- Improve Accessibility as per the Accessibility
  For Ontarians with Disabilities Act
  - Exterior Path of Travel grades no greater than 5%
  - Exterior Path of Travel with a crossfall no greater than 5%
  - Exception, Paths of Travel beside roadways can be steeper than 5%, but must not be steeper than the slope of the adjacent roadway.

TABLE 1 - GRADING SUMMARY

	BOULEVARD	PATH OF TRAVEL	BLDG STRIP	
AODA CLEAR WIDTH	UNDEFINED	1.5m min	UNDEFINED	
BETTER PRACTICE		1.8m		
PROPOSED WIDTH	0.8m-1.2m	1.5m-1.8m	0m-1.5m	
AODA CROSS SLOPE	UNDEFINED	5% max	UNDEFINED	
BETTER PRACTICE		4% max		
PROPOSED CROSS SLOPE	0.5%-8%	1%-4%	0.4%-8%	
AODA RUNNING SLOPE	UNDEFINED	5% max OR MATCH	UNDEFINED	
		ROAD RUNNING SLOPE		
PROPOSED RUNNING SLOPE	ROAD RUNNING SLOPE	ROAD RUNNING SLOPE	ROAD RUNNING SLOPE	
	PLUS ?% max	PLUS 1% max	PLUS ?% max	

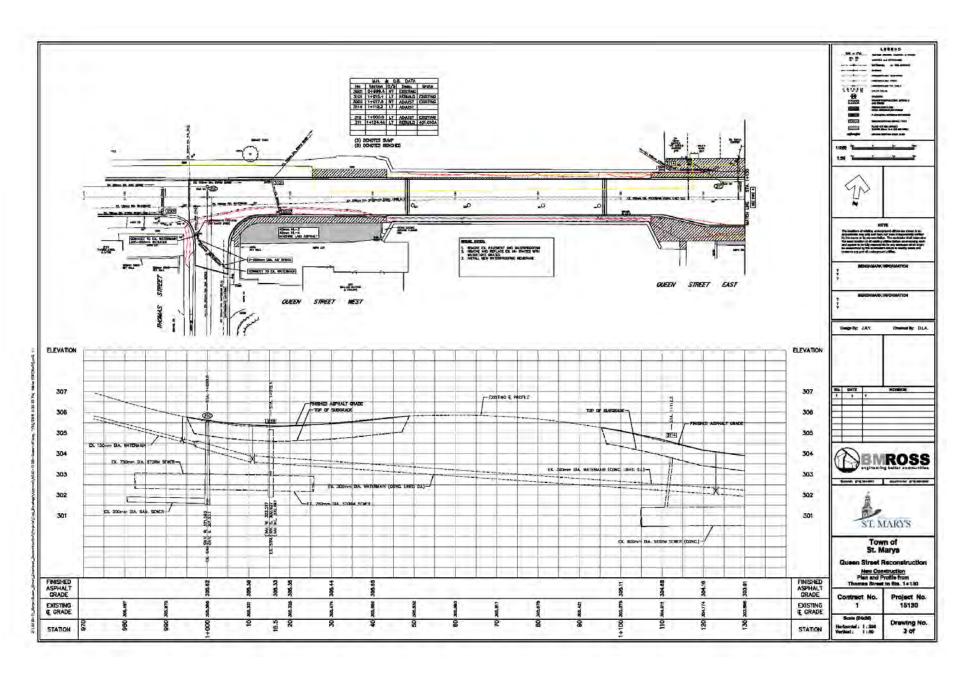


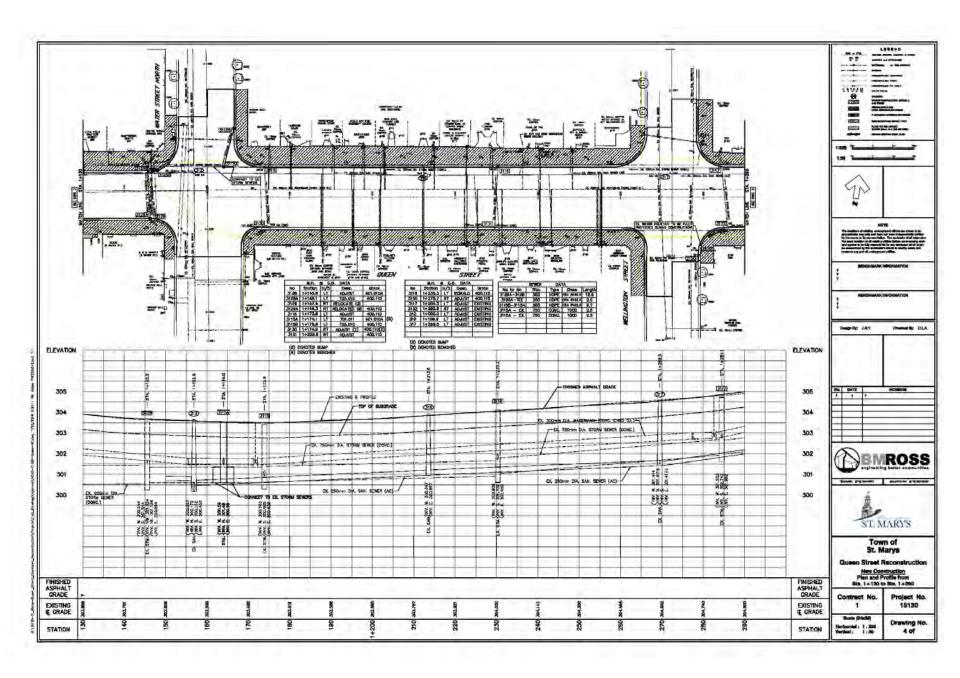
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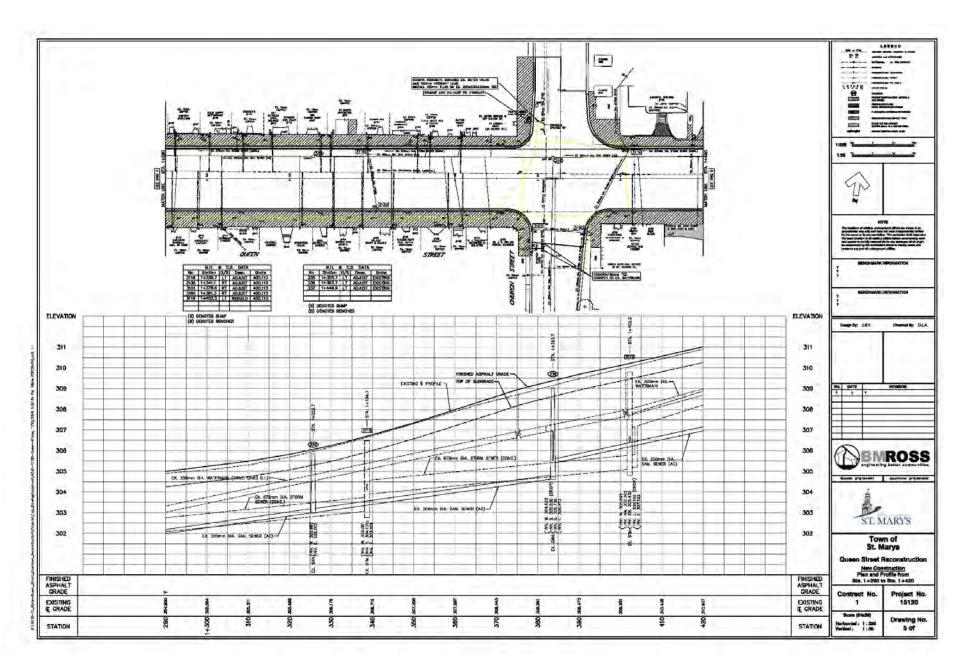
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		BLVD & BLDG. STRIP	BLVD & BLDG. STRIP			
	COMPLIANCE	CROSS SLOPE EXCEEDING	RUNNING SLOPE EXCEEDING			
	WITH AODA	AODA POT CROSS SLOPE	AODA POT RUNNING SLOPE			
TOTAL ACCESSIBLE ENTRANCES	36					
TOTAL ENTRANCES NOT ACCESSIBLE	26					
ADDITIONAL ENTRANCES THAT		6	6			
COULD BE MADE ACCESSIBLE			0			

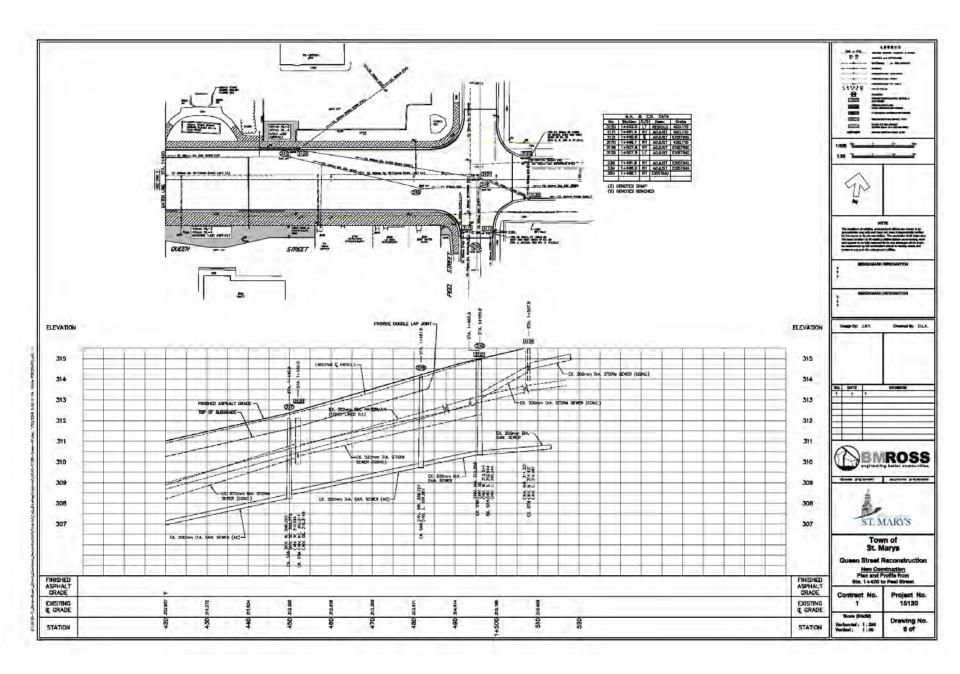
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	Queen Street Reconstruction		
	Proposed Cross Section	SCALE	FIGURE No.
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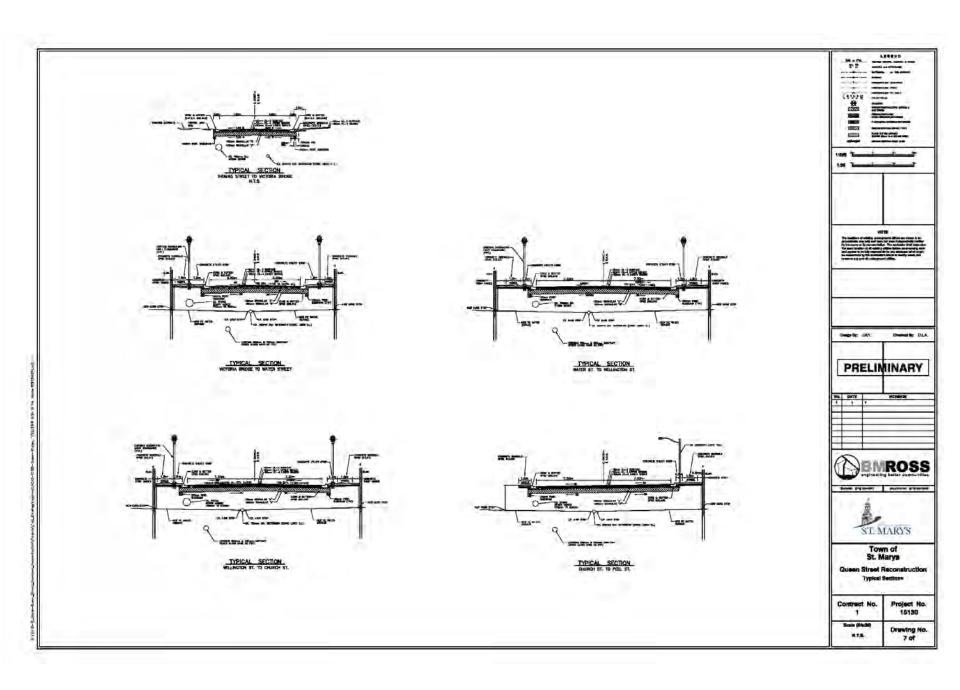


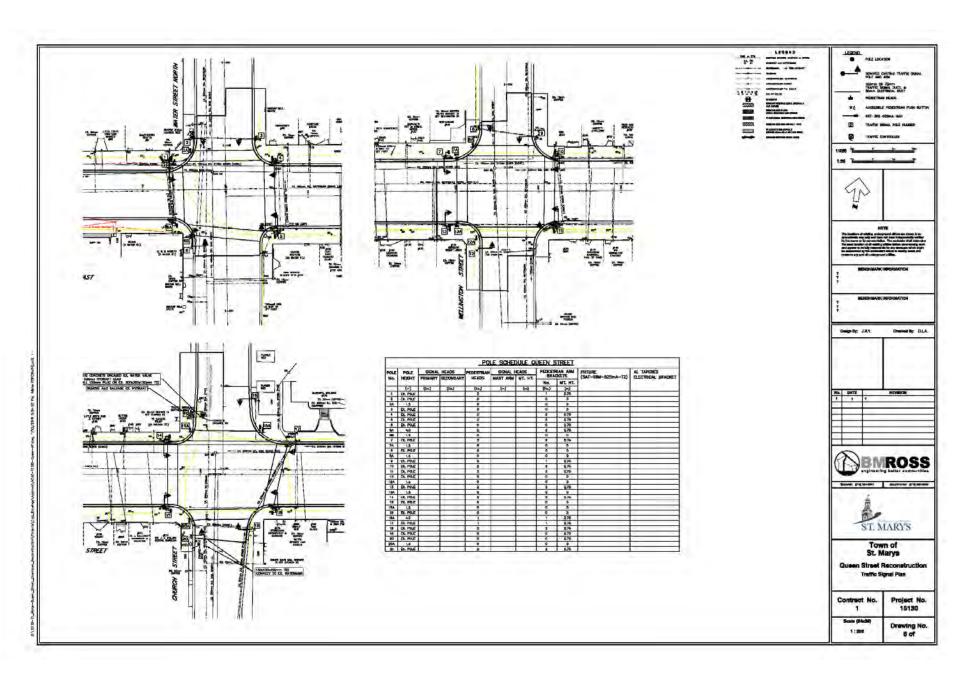


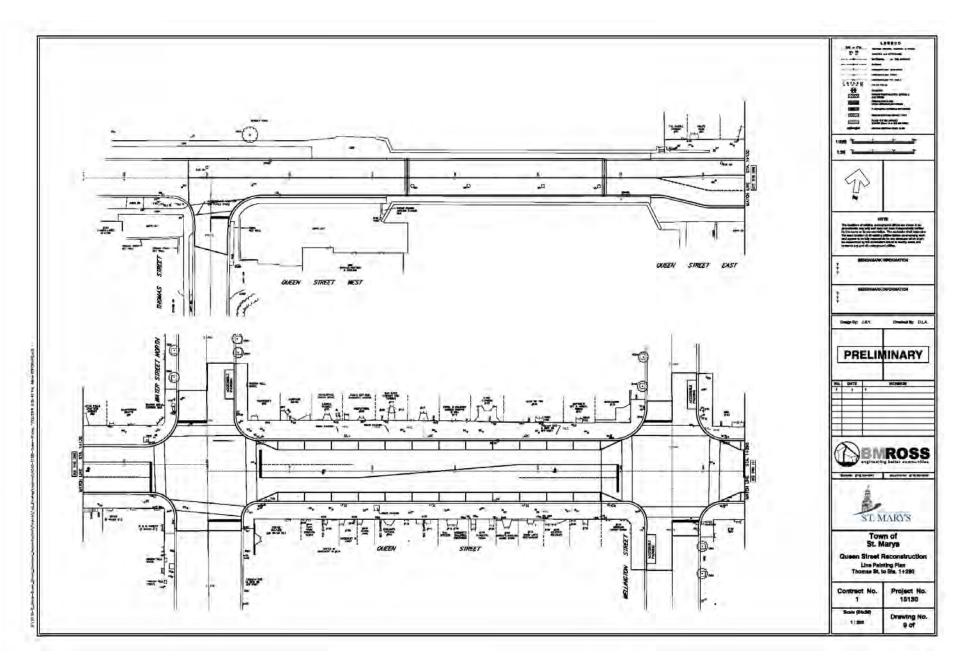


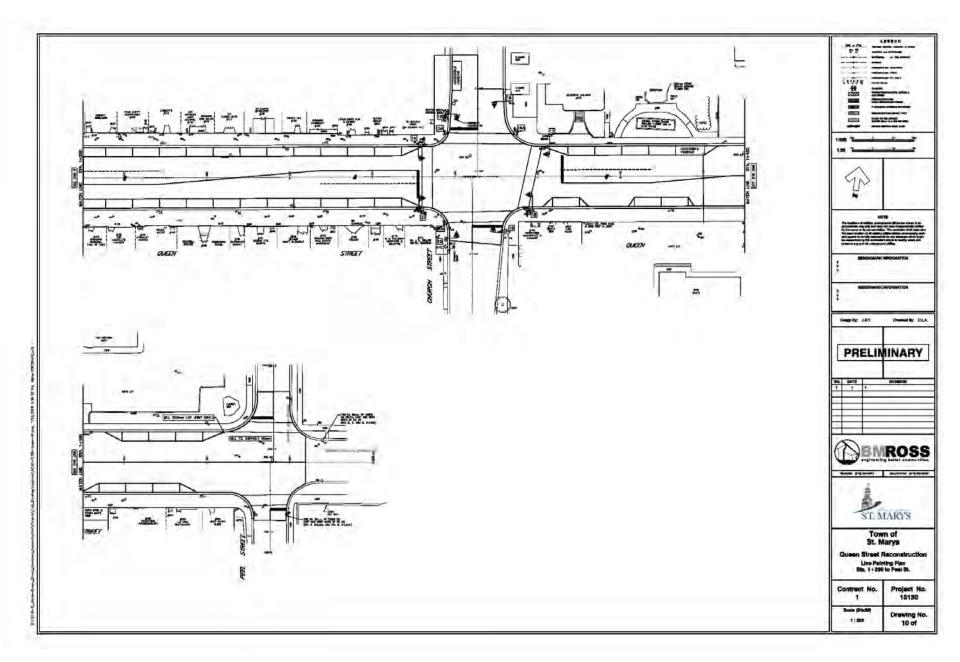












# PROJECT TIMELINES

- July 8, 2015 RFP Issued
- August 11<sup>th</sup> Notification of Award of RFP
- September 1<sup>st</sup> Utility Meeting
- September 1<sup>st</sup> Pre-Design Open House
- September 14<sup>th</sup> BIA Presentation
- October 14<sup>th -</sup> Stakeholder Meeting
- November 3<sup>rd</sup> Site Meeting with AODA

# PROJECT TIMELINES

- December 2<sup>nd</sup> Stakeholder Meeting
- December 16<sup>th -</sup> Stakeholder Meeting
- January 26<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting
- February 3<sup>rd</sup> Stakeholder Meeting
- \_\_\_\_\_\_ Pre-Qualify Contractors
- \_\_\_\_\_ Advertise
- \_\_\_\_\_\_ Close Tenders
- \_\_\_\_\_\_ Begin Construction

### CONSTRUCTION

- Probable construction duration exceeds the construction window from April 4<sup>th</sup> to June 16<sup>th</sup>
- Construction duration is a function of the following:
  - Scope
  - Staging/Phasing of work
  - Scheduling of multiple sub-trade mobilizations
  - Multiple crews working in close proximity
  - Maintaining access from Queen Street

#### CONSTRUCTION

- Goal is to maintain pedestrian access to retail establishments
  - Security fencing
  - Signage
  - Utilize rear access as much as possible
- Goal is to maintain two lanes of traffic
- Minimize construction delays by planning and identifying issues during the design stage

### **CONSTRUCTION ISSUES**

- Parking
- Dust
- Noise
- Vibrations
- Inconvenienced
- Detours

### **PARKING**

Public Lot

Army & Navy

Private Lot

Bell Bldg



Private Lot

Farmers Market

Jones St. Parking

### PUBLIC RELATIONS

- The Town will work with the BIA to develop strategies to promote a positive image during the construction
- Celebrate the construction
  - Have employees wear hard hats & safety vests at work
  - Be creative
- Promote employee parking off site
- Promote a delivery service

### **NEXT STEPS**

- Establish scope of electrical work
  - Street function requirements
  - Lighting
  - Design as required
- Confirm with Quadro's scope of work
- Define construction parameters
  - Time
  - Limits

## **NEXT STEPS**

- Pre–Qualify contractors
- Tender