



McKellar Ward Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 10, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

Slovak Legion

801 Atlantic Avenue

1. McKellar Ward Meeting 02-2025

Chair: Councillor Brian Hamilton

2. Resource Persons

Brian Newman, Project Engineer

Tina Larocque, Coordinator - Boards, Committees and Special Projects

3. Welcome and Opening Remarks

The Chair called the meeting to order, welcomed Administration and those in attendance, and provided introductory comments.

There were approximately 30 people in attendance.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the McKellar Ward meeting held on April 16, 2025, for information.

4.1 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the McKellar Ward meeting held on April 16, 2025, for information, was distributed separately on Friday, September 5, 2025.

5. Simpson Street Rehabilitation

The Chair along with Project Engineer Brian Newman provided the following updates:

- The City staff have been working on competing the resurfacing of Simpson Street this fall, but in some areas, including Charry's Corner at Rowand Street, could be delayed as decisions on this space has not been

decided. The Chair suggested that Charry's corner could be a community involvement project, something fun the community can do together.

- The section from May Street to Leith Street are now complete. Base paving is completed, so its very driveable and manageable for residents.
- Crews began work on Simpson from Victoria Avenue about over a month ago, and all underground work is completed, the curb and gutters are in and the roads have been graded. Asphalt and sidewalk work will be completed next.
- 100 trees to be fully planted.
- Once Simpson Street opens up, there will be extra traffic, surveillance and public safety.
- European Bakery location will be redeveloped and there will be a lot of opportunity. Business is integrity part of the community.
- Revamp the corner, lights are staying and extra brighter lights will be installed.
- Planter boxes, will be working on those as well.

Concerns were raised with the speed issues at Charry's corner, as vehicles are travelling around the corner at a high speed. Suggestion was made to have a LED stop sign to slow down the traffic. Vehicles would see the sign day and night.

There is a lot of pedestrian traffic travelling to east end, and it was suggested that they need to revamp the area with traffic lights for pedestrian safety.

The Chair noted that he would be hosting a future ward meeting to gather feedback from residents on what they would like to see done in an area known as Charry's corner between Simpson and Rowand Streets. This is a beautiful spot, great space for community events and gateway to Simpson Street.

The Chair thanked Project Engineer Brian Newman for attending.

6. Victoriaville Centre Updates

The Chair discussed the demolition of the Victoriaville Centre. the City's long term vision to make the downtown core more accessible and pedestrian friendly. This project will create a vibrant, walkable downtown and will be opportunities for markets, street events, cultural events and festivals. It will be a space that everyone will be able to enjoy.

Residents inquired about the Wall of Fame in Victoriaville. The Chair advised that the tiles have been obtained and stored for future use.

7. Housing and Homelessness

A discussion had taken place relative to the housing and homelessness.

Concerns were raised relative to the following:

- Residents raised concerns with the lack of process in the selection of the Hillyard Site location without any consultation, and was ratified the same night. There was a meeting scheduled with the businesses in the area, but had taken place after the decision had been made.
- That this City should not be involved as DSSAB is responsible for housing.
- That people will remain in their tents in the public parks, even though the temporary village is built.

Questions were raised as to why these housing units are temporary. The Chair advised that these are temporary for a period of 5 years as it allows DSSAB and other community partners to increase availability of permanent housing.

Questions were raised whether tents will be allowed at the village. The Chair responded that the tents are not allowed in the surrounding area of the shelter village.

8. Ward and City Issues

8.1 Trees

Concerns were raised relative to trees overhanging over the bridge going east to west. The Chair advised that concerns regarding trees should be directed to City dispatch. and they can address the issue.

Residents raised concerns with the many trees that need trimming in the east end. The Chair advised that the City is still clearing up the numerous trees from the storms.

Resident raised concerns with trees that are planted, as they are not trimmed regularly.

8.2 Laneway Clean Ups

A discussion had taken place how laneway clean ups provide a nicer and safer area for everyone. The Chair thanked all of the volunteers that help up clean up laneways and neighbourhood.

8.3 Dust Issues

Concerns were raised regarding McNaughton Street being very dusty. A suggestion was made to mitigate the dust by using calcium chloride on the gravel roads.

8.4 The use of Sea cans for storage units

Concerns were raised to businesses using sea cans as storage, instead of buildings to avoid extra taxes and is a violation of the by-law. The discussion further ensued relative to the By-law department not following up with these complaints as was not a priority.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm