

## Project Overview

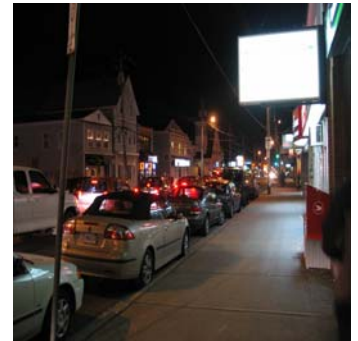
Since the last newsletter, the Spring Garden Streetscape project was presented to Regional Council on February 24, 2009. That meeting resulted in a decision to re-visit the project with all of the project's Stakeholders over the spring and summer of 2009 to seek consensus on the design. The Spring Garden decision included an additional recommendation that a preferred option for Quinpool Road's Streetscape is identified and that Phase II Detailed Design and Construction documents are prepared for tendering in the summer of 2009 and construction in Fall 2009 (subject to Federal/Provincial infrastructure funding being approved for the project).

The project team has been working on refining the original three (3) concepts presented at the Public Open House on January 22, 2009. Further consultation has also been carried out with the Quinpool Road Business Association (BID). Based on public input received and an additional fourth option has been developed. A recommendation on which option to proceed with into detail design, will be discussed with the BID Executive on Thursday, March 19, 2009. A public presentation will be held on Wednesday, April 1, 2009 at 7:00pm at the Holiday Inn Select Halifax Centre (1980 Robie Street) to present the preferred option to the public.

## Design Challenges

### Challenge 1: Vehicle Traffic

Quinpool Road is a main arterial route for through traffic moving on to and off of the peninsula, as well as being an important commercial destination. The high traffic volumes and width of the road creates disconnect between the north and south sides of the street, distracting from the pedestrian experience of Quinpool as a destination or place.



### Challenge 2: Mega-block

"Mega-blocks" refer to large city blocks such as Quinpool Centre that create a barrier to connecting through to adjacent streets and between the 2 neighborhoods on either sides of the street. This 300m long block has directly impacted the character of Quinpool Road, as it is much larger in length and has a different building form than what exists along the south side and further west along the street. The south side consists generally of older two storey structures with access between buildings and shop frontages along the sidewalk.



### Challenge 3: Parking and Loading

It is essential to maintain parking and loading along Quinpool Road, especially since public parking opportunities are limited and a number of the businesses load through the front door. Some of the business owners have requested additional parking along Quinpool to support access to commercial activity on the street. Parking will remain limited to non-peak periods outside of rush hour.



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### Challenge 4: Pedestrian Environment

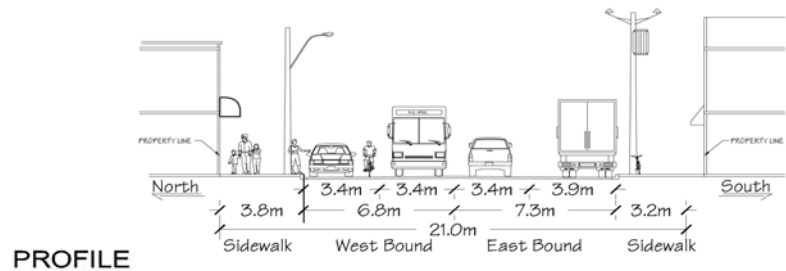
The wide width of the street and low building height create a feeling of openness and lack of intimacy on the sidewalks supporting the feeling that this is an automobile dominated area. In addition, the uneven levels of illumination, numerous alleyways, and poor maintenance of sidewalks and other public spaces along the street create safety concerns and accessibility challenges. The design changes will improve the functioning of the street through undergrounding, addition of street trees and spatial definition of public spaces.

### Challenge 5: Existing Right-of-Way Width

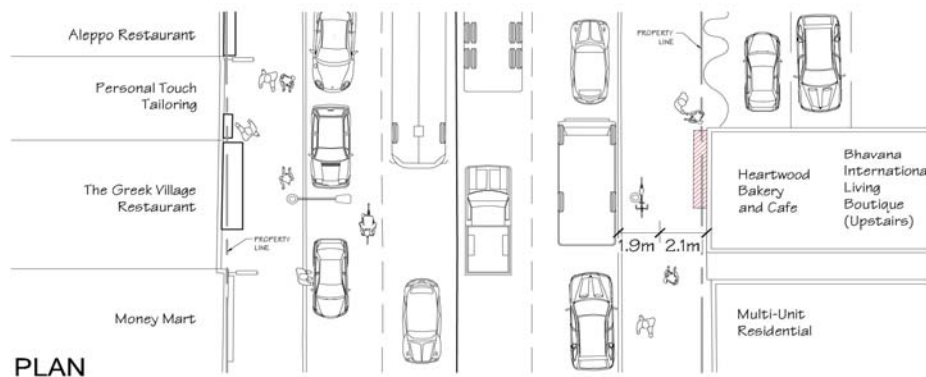
The existing right-of-way width from property boundary to property boundary across the street varies from 21.9m to 29.5m. Sidewalk widths and vehicle lane widths also vary from the south to north sides of the street.

Desirable widths being sought:

- Carriageway widths:
  - 4.5m - shared lane for vehicles and cyclists.
  - 3.5m - inside lane for vehicles
- Sidewalk widths:
  - 3.0m – existing (typical)
  - 4.8m- with provision of outdoor café opportunity and street trees on other sidewalk amenities.



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Existing Condition between Preston and Monastery

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