



# COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

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## COMMITTEE REPORT

**To:** Chair and Members of the Information, Heritage and Seniors Committee  
**From:** Jana Burns, Wellington Place Administrator  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 14, 2022  
**Subject:** **Wellington Place Update**

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### **Indigenous Gathering Circle**

Staff met with the Indigenous Advisory Committee (IAC) several times over the summer to finalize the design of the Indigenous space at Wellington Place. The landscaping tender, which was combined with the playground landscaping project, closed August 26 and a separate report is provided to Committee.

The IAC is creating a landing page on the County site to house the Gathering Circle project, including renderings, the schedule, volunteering, and future bookings. Green Legacy staff were consulted to establish the plants and trees to be sourced for the three orchards. Many native and non-native trees, berry bushes and Indigenous medicines will also be placed along the trails. Fruit trees being chosen include more disease resistant and heavy bearing trees such as Toka plum and Honeycrisp apple. The space will also include a habitat with grasses such as Asters and Goldenrods, in support of bees and butterflies, in addition to native Sugar Maples, as well as cedars for windbreaks.

A meeting was held late August with the Wellington Place Child Care Centre to incorporate their thoughts and concerns. The meeting was also to enquire how to engage the children in the choosing of plants, and how to encourage their use of the site. The Child Care is very excited to be included in the project, and there is strong consensus that inspiring especially young children is important to ensure their lifelong love and care for nature. Consultation with the Terrace will ensue, and WCMA staff will speak with the local high school to determine whether the students could assist in building a child sized garden shed.

The water feature rocks are being sourced by the IAC. The rocks will be drilled to allow water to flow through them, they will be secured and an Indigenous artist will position the rocks in a meaningful way. Signage will also be designed to ensure the public is aware of the various plant species, whether they are edible and their Indigenous and non-Indigenous significance.

### **Museum Trail**

Given a significant increase in usage of the Museum trail, the County will need to invest in its rehabilitation. The portion which runs from the Charles Allan Way stop sign south to the Trestle Bridge trail requires regrading, stone dust and work to ensure future washouts are mitigated. Triton Engineering has provided us with an estimate of work of \$50,000 +HST which will be included in the proposed 2023 property capital budget.



### **Charles Allan Way**

The rehabilitation of Charles Allan Way from County Road 18 to the roundabout was budgeted at \$340,000 for 2022, and includes an OPP Collision Reporting Lane for \$40,000. As the project progressed, staff observed the opportunity for economies of scale by incorporating a multi-use path for the same section of road. The path, which currently exists on the adjacent Frederick Campbell Street, would enable walking and cycling, and align with the rest of the property and as per the original Concept Plan. The total cost estimate for the road rehabilitation, the OPP inspection lane, the multi-use path in addition to the Museum trail resurfacing is \$500,000 +HST and will be included in the proposed 2023 capital budget.

### **Recommendation:**

That the Wellington Place Update be received for information and forwarded to County Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Jana Burns  
Wellington Place Administrator