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Ms Annette Groves and Mr Tony Rosa, Councillors for Ward 5 (Bolton)

Town of Caledon

Dear Ms Groves and Mr Rosa:

Re: Improvements to downtown Bolton

On behalf of the Board of the Downtown Bolton Business Improvement Area, I am respectfully submitting for consideration of Council, a request with back up material and costs, showing our vision for the improvement of the downtown,

It is our understanding that funds are available for beautification of the urban centres in Caledon and we suggest that a portion of these funds be allocated to Bolton.

We would also suggest that funds continue to be allocated in future years to provide stable funding for the upgrading and maintenance of downtown Bolton.

We shall be pleased to discuss our plan further with you and look forward to an ongoing partnership in this venture.

Yours very truly

Jean P. Carberry

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**Town of Caledon**

**6311 Old Church Road**

**Caledon East, Ontario**

### **DOWNTOWN BOLTON BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA**

The Board of Directors of the Business Improvement Area wishes to present the following recommendations for the improvement of downtown Bolton and suggestion for partnership between the BIA and the Town of Caledon.

There can be no doubt that the present state of the downtown is depressed and unattractive and far from the vibrant streetscape that some of us remember from earlier years. It is our objective to restore Bolton to an appealing hub which will bring visitors and tourists and benefit the restaurants, cafes and stores to the point that more business entrepreneurs will want to locate here, buy and rent premises, and thereby increase the tax base. We believe that the downward spiral can be reversed.

The Municipal Act provides that:

Section 204. (1) A local municipality may designate an area as an improvement area and may establish a board of management,

- (a) to oversee the improvement, beautification and maintenance of municipally-owned land, buildings and structures in the area beyond that provided at the expense of the municipality generally;

That is, the BIA is not expected to do this alone, rather the expectation is that there be partnership and cooperation with the municipality. We understand that Council has set aside funding for the villages and given that Bolton is the largest urban centre within the Town, we respectfully suggest that a large part of this fund be allocated to revitalize Bolton.

The suggestions that we are setting out here represent a "wish list" describing what Bolton could and should be. The BIA has accomplished some improvements over the years but we need assistance from the Town as is expected by provincial legislation. We have included estimated costs for most items.

#### **SELF WATERING CONTAINERS**

The existing planters and baskets which hold the displays of flowers in the summer have limited life. In addition, it costs the BIA about \$10,000 for a season just to keep the flowers watered. The purchase of self watering planters, hanging baskets, window boxes and urns would be an expensive outlay but would be a saving in the long run. We recommend purchase of 58 planters and hanging baskets, 86 window boxes and 36 large urns. Planters have an estimated cost of \$655, the large urns are \$899, and hanging baskets \$395 each. Other prices can be obtained.

### BENCHES

Benches to be installed in various locations throughout the downtown in addition to the existing ones. Please see sketch and lists attached, showing the existing benches marked in blue and the suggested additions, 20 in total, marked in red. The estimated cost per bench is \$995.

### STREET SIGNS

Eye catching signs for the streets and at the entrances to the downtown parks would give cohesion and appeal to the area.

### TRASH CANS

Approximately 12 new cans distributed throughout downtown.

### BIKE RACKS

To be placed close to the municipal parking lot would encourage more people to access downtown by bike and reduce vehicular traffic. We have priced these at \$250 each.

### THE OLD FIRE HALL

We have a vision for the soon to be former fire hall on Ann Street as destination to bring locals and tourists to the downtown. Some of the possible activities include an indoor, year round market, a museum showcasing Caledon's past, an art gallery and theatre.

### WELCOME TO BOLTON

A permanent stone sign welcoming visitors to downtown Bolton.

### CONCLUSION

The foregoing represents a "wish list" for the improvement of the appearance and amenity of downtown Bolton. Clearly the cost is beyond the budget of the BIA or the ability of our members to pay. This will likely be a long term project spread over a number of years. We are asking for a contribution from the Town from the funds already designated for urban improvement, as well as an ongoing commitment to funding over the next four years.

We look forward to the Town's response and an opportunity to discuss a comprehensive plan for the improvement of downtown Bolton.

Jean P. Carberry

Chair, Downtown Bolton, Business Improvement Area

May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2019

## Need Benches 16

Coldwell Banker 23 M  
Riverside Grill 63 Q  
Donisi on Chapel 15 C  
CIBC 1 K  
Orthotic 31 K  
Pharmasave 20 Q  
Shore Chiropractic 51 Q  
Brookfield 56 Q  
Colletti's / Jade 46 Q  
Reed Marketing 42 ? Q  
Mr. Sub. 40 Q  
T.D. Bank (sub) 23 Q/S  
4 corners 23 S  
50 Ann St. (O) A

Bolton Eye Care 23 King  
Good Health 33 King  
on Albion Mills Con.

UP THE SOUTH HILL

## Got

Mullers Meet C  
Meeting Place / Church C  
Home K  
Carmine's K  
Courtyards 1: Parking Lot K  
1 Cheeks K  
Post office K  
Happy Day have own Q  
have own Q

Innovations Q  
Michelle Apothecary Q  
Humber Valley Dentist Q  
Old happy Day Q  
Mortgage Broker Q  
Mark Pufford Q  
Humber River Grill Q  
Loni's Q





## BOLTON BIA BOUNDARY (BY-LAW 80-72)

*could use*  
 *have already*

## LOCATION MAP



Date: August 2010

location map Bolton BIA boundary bylaw 2002-151