

MVCA 2023 Budget Requests

The Board of the Manotick Village and Community Association (MVCA) recognizes the financial challenges faced by the City in keeping to its proposed 2.5% ceiling on increased expenditures this year.

However, there are issues that continue to be important for our residents. Following are the key budgetary items submitted by the MVCA for 2023.

Improving Traffic Flow

Following are important traffic requirements as outlined in the Secondary Plan and not yet implemented.

1. The extension of Earl Armstrong Road
This would facilitate the shift of truck traffic to Earl Armstrong from Manotick. Residents continue to be concerned about the volume of large trucks travelling down Bridge Street and Main Street to Bankfield Road and other roads. Since the environmental assessment has been completed, this project needs to be moved forward more quickly.
2. Roundabouts at Bankfield and Prince of Wales and at First Line and Prince of Wales. (outlined in the Secondary Plan). These would be part of the realignment of First Line from Bankfield to Prince of Wales. This is becoming more critical given the new development of 95 homes on First Line Road.

In addition, the MVCA would like to request the following:

1. Extension of the median at Bridge St. and Main St (east of Main St.) to ensure right in and right out only at the Mall on the northeast corner of Bridge and Main.
2. Improvement of cycling safety on Bridge St. with a dedicated bike lane along the length of Bridge St. or a multi-use pathway
3. Implementation of safety measures for the northeast corner of Bridge and Main Streets where large trucks are cutting across the sidewalk. This continues to be a dangerous corner for anyone waiting to cross the street and is of particular concerns given the two seniors homes located nearby
4. Increase measures to reduce the volume of large trucks using Bridge St. as a through street (this is not really a budget item as it does not outline a specific funding request)
5. Installation of a speed camera on Bridge St. at Manotick Public School to deter speeders
6. Installation of cross-walk at Eastman Avenue and Main St.

Walkability and Safety

We continue to experience safety issues for pedestrians and cyclists in the Village and this has become a bigger issue as more residents are walking and biking around the Village. The Secondary Plan noted that new sidewalks, paved shoulders and multi-use pathways will be constructed in a variety of locations over time. In addition, two Walkability Surveys of the Village Core have highlighted a number of areas that need to be addressed to improve pedestrian safety. The completion of new sidewalks on the east side of Main Street between Bridge and Currier is a welcome improvement. However, the following items still remain.

In particular, the Plan identified sidewalks for the following areas:

- a. Pedestrian sidewalk, cycling path along Main Street between Eastman Avenue and Century Road. Given the ongoing development taking place at the south end of the Village, this is becoming more critical for action. This connection is an immediate priority as residents have already moved into the Riverwalk and Mahogany developments, with a resulting increase in walking and cycling activity along this stretch of road. Therefore, we want to ensure that funding for the planned revised intersection at Bridgeport and Main and the resurfacing of Main Street from Eastman to Century Road includes the addition of a sidewalk/multi-use pathway to ensure safety for our residents in the south end of the village.
- b. Sidewalk along Eastman Avenue linking the Mews to Potter Drive