

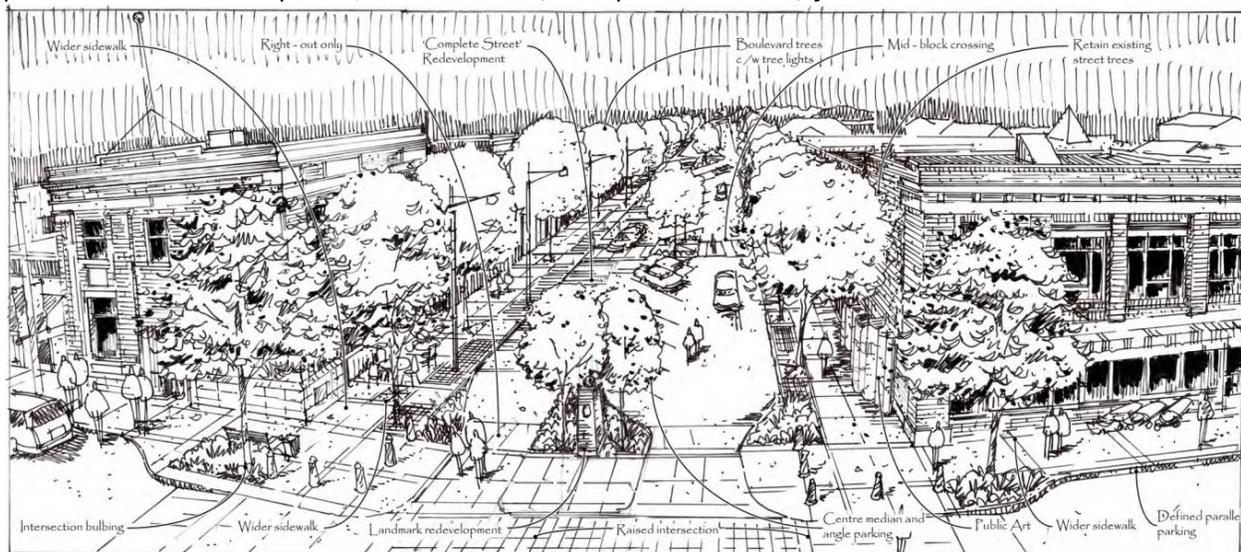
To: Chris Ross;
Cc: Council
From: Jordan Thompson, Director of Operations and Planning
Date: July 19, 2019

Reference: 11/154/2019-189

RE: 50 St. Parking and Bike Parking

As you are aware 50th Street between 50th Avenue and 51st Avenue was, at one time, a one-way road. In 1988 City Council (then Town) endorsed converting the street to a 2-way road with the angled parking configuration that is still present today.

The current redevelopment plan for 50th Street is outlined in the 2013 Downtown Area Redevelopment Plan (DARP). The DARP depicts the redevelopment of 50th Street as “... a linear ‘memorial’ trail for the City of Lacombe and their Canadian Armed Forces and Veterans, including ‘Complete Street’ modifications that support formal landscape plantings; multi-use trail, gateway, secondary, and pedestrian node development; and memorial / interpretive column / feature additions.”



Above is a conceptual illustration of the redevelopment of 50th Street from the DARP.

Converting this street back to a one-way road would provide an opportunity for approximately 20 additional parking stalls downtown that would have to be weighed against the benefits of a more pedestrian friendly street (more landscaping features, wider sidewalks etc) envisioned in the DARP.

At their regular meeting on November 14th, 2016 Council was presented with an option to convert 50th Street to a one-way road as part of the Main Street Program. The motion to do so was defeated: *THAT Council direct Administration to revise the Main Street program to ensure 50th Street becomes a one way road. DEFEATED*

However, at its committee meeting on June 3rd, Council did show an appetite for a more widespread project to improve the streetscapes within the Downtown Area Redevelopment Plan (DARP) boundary, which includes 50th Street. Administration is preparing a DARP implementation and public consultation

strategy for Council's consideration in September where Administration will be seeking direction to proceed with plan as presented, or as amended by Council.

With regard to the inclusion of bike stalls on the Alberta Agriculture site, the City will work with Agriculture to incorporate bike parking in any future enhancements of 50th Street or their parking lot.

Please let me know if you have any further questions about this item.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jordan Thompson', written in a cursive style.

Jordan Thompson, CET, PMP
Director of Operations and Planning