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## **HERITAGE SQUARE EAST PROJECT LOOKING GOOD**



The Heritage Square East parking lot project is nearing completion and the end result of the City’s efforts has exceeded even their expectations.

“The look of the area is so much more visually appealing now and really brings value to the area and particularly to the front of the William Glesby Performing Arts facility” noted Councillor Jeff Bereza, Chair of the City’s Economic Development and Planning Committee. “I am really pleased with what I see and our staff has done an outstanding job of managing this project as well” said Councillor Bereza.

The scope of the project included the closing of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street from the northerly portion of the back lane near the Royal Bank and adjacent to the Glesby Centre approximately to the northerly portion of the Glesby Centre building; revising the land drainage in that area; the construction of medians, boulevard enhancements, and landscaping in front of the Glesby Centre; along with the re-capping of the existing paved area in Heritage Square East and adding trees to the parking lot perimeter area.

As well, a stamped concrete walkway between Prince Avenue and Princess Avenue in front of the Glesby Centre was completed along with a walkway that leads from the east doors of the Glesby Centre to the 2nd Street NE parking lot.

The boulevard between the Heritage Square east parking lot and the Glesby Centre is now grassed with trees and there will also be benches and shrubs along the walkway and movable planters at the north and south ends of the walkway.

The south west access to the Heritage Square East (HSE) parking lot was eliminated which will be an enhancement to the safety of that particular area. The south boulevard is now concreted, with tree wells, and with new concrete curbing all around. The north boulevard of the HSE parking lot will remain grassed.

“We are very pleased with the end results so far and believe this aesthetically appealing upgrade will become a significant driver for the beautification of the entire business area that abuts the Heritage Square East parking area – which is an important part of Council’s downtown development plan” echoed Mayor Ken Brennan.

\$227,000 was allocated to this project for improvements to the proposed site and area. The project is expected to be completed by the end of September.

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