



CORPORATE FACILITIES MEMORANDUM

TO: MAYOR J. LEHMAN AND MEMBERS OF GENERAL COMMITTEE

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NOTED: R. PEWS, P.ENG, DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE FACILITIES

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RE: RECOGNITION OF FRED GRANT WITHIN MEMORIAL SQUARE

DATE: JUNE 4, 2018

The purpose of this Memorandum is to provide members of Council with an update on the commemoration of Fred Grant within the Memorial Square/Meridian Place Project.

History

Located at the south end of Owen Street, Fred Grant Street ran north-south from Dunlop Street, East between Bayfield Street and Mulcaster Street. In 1957, the site was renamed Fred Grant Square in honour of Fred Grant, a Barrie-born journalist and local historian. The square was then renamed again in 1993 to Memorial Square and the short section of roadway was named Fred Grant Street. On April 11th, 2011 Council gave direction to proceed with the Memorial Square/Meridian Place project to which resulted in the permanent closure Fred Grant Street. This allowed the opportunity to truly redefine the space and emphasize elements such as pedestrian access and create a link between the waterfront and downtown.

Design Intent

The creation of a gathering place celebrating the historic elements of the site and downtown core was a significant consideration in the design of Memorial Square. Although the elimination of Fred Grant Street was required for the project, Grant has been honoured by sandblasting 'Fred Grant' along a portion of the accented concrete banding within the square (See Appendix A). The placement of the lettering along the banding gives nod to the original shape of the roadway which curved around the Cenotaph. Additionally, there will be a commemorative plaque located within the soft-scape as a historical marker.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at extension 4509.

APPENDIX A

RECOGNITION OF FRED GRANT IN MEMORIAL SQUARE

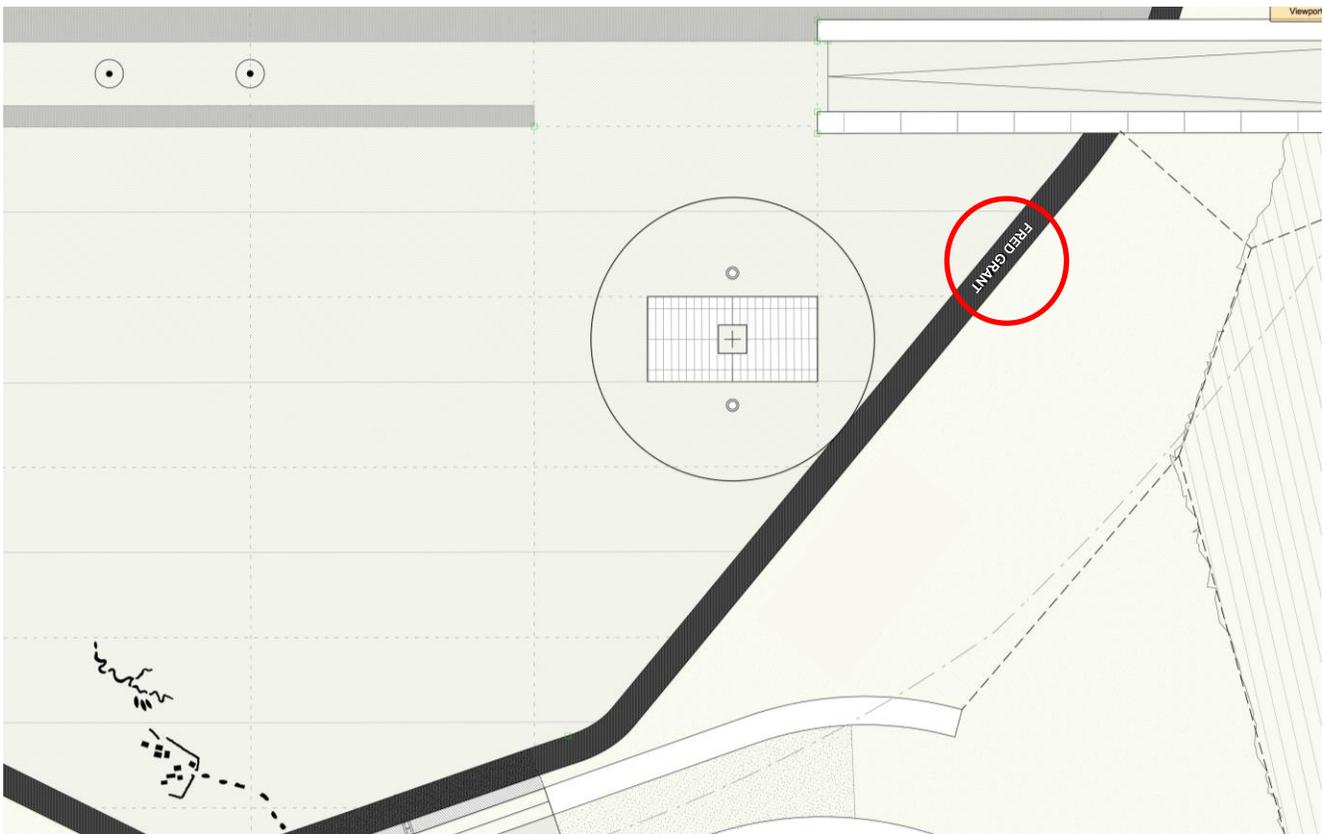


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OVERALL VIEW OF RECOGNITION LOCATION

