

WHEREAS at the Budget Committee presentation on January 18, 2011, Councillor Tovey requested the Culture Division to create a Culture Node pilot project within the City of Mississauga and recommended Port Credit as the neighbourhood to test the pilot project.

AND WHEREAS the Council approved Culture Master Plan, June 2009, Recommendation #36 states "That the Culture Division select a cultural node as the site for a pilot project to test the use of planning tools, incentives, supports and partnerships to support cultural resources and activities in a specific community."

AND WHEREAS the Council approved Strategic Plan, June 2009, Connect pillar, strategic goal states "Nurture Villages – to promote "village" main streets as destinations, not simply places to pass through." And "Create Great Public Spaces- develop vibrant cultural districts."

AND WHEREAS the Culture Master Plan identifies Port Credit as a community with notable concentrations of community resources and should be used as an area to begin to identify some planning tools, incentives and supports that could be used to achieve specific outcomes.

AND WHEREAS the Port Credit Business Improvement Association has requested temporary encroachments on sidewalks to permit; street furniture (benches), barbeques, retail displays (flowers/fruit stands etc) during the time period of May 20th, 2011 to September 30<sup>th</sup> 2011.

AND WHEREAS the Port Credit Business Improvement Association has requested parking for the farmers market be permitted on Elmwood Avenue North and Oakwood Avenue North during the time period and hours of operation for the farmers market.

AND WHEREAS the Port Credit Business Improvement Association has requested additional bicycle facilities be provided within the main street of Port Credit.

AND WHEREAS the Port Credit Business Improvement Association has requested that over the course of 2011, the Culture Division, in partnership with City staff facilitate a community based design for the main street of Port Credit.

AND WHEREAS the requests made by the Port Credit Business Improvement Area are consistent with the concept of "Culture Nodes" in the Culture Master Plan;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. that the City Council endorse the concept of a cultural node pilot program operating in Port Credit;
2. that the requests of the Port Credit Business Improvement Area be supported in principle and that the Culture Division staff report back to Council on the necessary agreements and bylaws to implement this pilot project for the Port Credit Culture Node and any other recommendations staff feel are appropriate to support such a pilot.

*Jim Tovey*