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I am writing in support of the Lantzville Legion's request that only bollards and chain around the perimeter of the existing brick plaza be implemented and none of the elements shown in another motion containing planters, "talking" sticks and canoes. Some history is appropriate to understand why the design suggested by the Legion Executive is the one to be implemented.

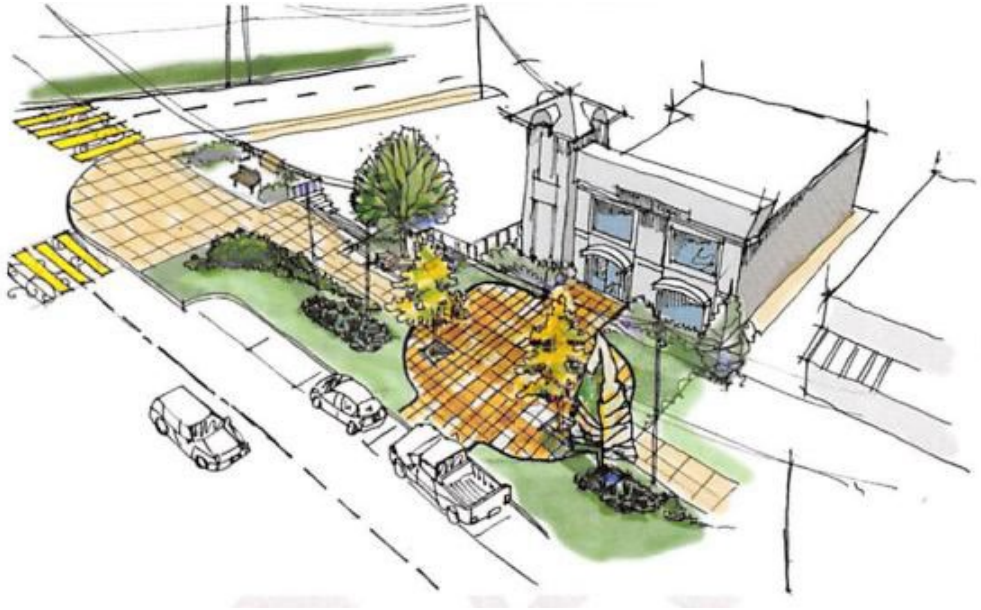
The brick plaza that now exists should have never been built in that location. A select advisory committee for the Village Commercial Core Improvement Plan(VCCIP) was formed and the volunteer residents on the committee donated hundreds of their hours to eventually generate a report for Council's use detailing design elements for the downtown core. The report was received by Council in November 2014 and was formally adopted by Council and incorporated into the new Official Community Plan (OCP) in January of 2019. Members of this VCCIP are upset that their hard work and commitment to the Lantzville was so easily ignored by the present Council.

This is from the OCP document:

6.1 | Objectives A Village Commercial Core Improvement Plan was created in 2014 and adopted in 2019. Recommendations from that Plan are incorporated into this OCP.

This Plaza was supposed to be constructed in front of City Hall and the adjacent Rotary Park. Design elements from the VCCIP and the OCP are shown below. This Council, when they redesigned Phase II of the VCCIP changed the location of the Plaza to the Legion and made this decision without consulting anyone. It is incredible that no one at the Legion Executive was consulted about constructing the Plaza in front of the building. A delegation to Council from the Legion made it abundently clear they do not want groups to assemble next to their building and that senior members are upset that have lost their parking in front of the Legion building.

My recommendation is to install the bollards in a manner where they can be easily removed in the future. I believe in two years time, the Legion Plaza will revert back to the parking area that Legion members wished it had remained. It should be noted that Phase II of the VCCIP is now more that $500,000 over budget. I think it's time for Council to stop trying to hang more Christmas ornaments and shiny objects on this project and call it a day.

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