



**Grand Trunk Railway
(GTR) Shops**

AD-HOC GRAND TRUNK RENEWAL COMMITTEE



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In 2018, the City of Stratford adopted a flexible Master Plan to help guide the evolution and future growth of the Cooper Block.

The Cooper Block Master Plan, now called the Grand Trunk Master Plan, provides a framework for how the site could develop over time, and it addresses a range of urban planning and urban design matters such as parking, building form, open space provision, the public realm and the street network.

In 2023, Stratford City Council established the Ad-Hoc Grand Trunk Renewal Committee to provide support and a forum for input and exchange of ideas on the renewal of the Grand Trunk building.

Purpose of the Committee

1. To support the Grand Trunk Master Plan adopted by City Council.
2. To act as a sounding board to the City on matters **dealing with the renewal of the Grand Trunk building, including building designs and architectural plans.**
3. To identify fundraising opportunities and support fundraising initiatives.
4. To advise and assist with the development of a public engagement program and promote the activities of the Grand Trunk renewal.
5. To liaise with other committees or organizations with overlapping roles and responsibilities.

As a Registered Architect in the Province of Ontario, I attended the Ad-Hoc meetings and delegated three times. To address the five points above, this and my November 25, 2025 presentation constitute a proposal to Stratford City Council for consideration, review, and analysis to advance the GTR Renewal Project.

