



## Committee Agenda Report

**Committee Name:** Accessibility Advisory Committee

**Meeting Date:** Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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**Topic:** NG Transit Activity Informed Bench Locations

**Goal:** To develop a list of bench locations that can be provided to staff as a tool for determining appropriate places for new bench installs as opportunity to install additional benches within the Municipality of North Grenville arise.

**Background:** In September 2024, the Committee received the NG Transit 6-month review from the Director of Corporate Services, Hillary Geneau. The report included a heat map highlighting the areas of North Grenville the see the most pick up activity by the service. During the presentation, Director Geneau noted possible “bus stops” in the future to complement the NG Transit service. This triggered the idea of placing benches in areas that residents could use as a pick up location when arranging an NG Transit pick up, without the bench location being a formal bus stop.

Following the meeting in September, the Clerk’s office enhanced the heat map to ensure the road network could be see through the coloured areas on the map – *attached, page 3.*

In review of the heat map, Director Geneau suggested the following locations be reviewed as potentially suitable for bench installs:

- Fir Lane (several different users at different addresses, none with accessible needs)
- Library (already benches there)
- Seniors Community Services (high frequency due to one resident who lives above)
- Walmart
- Giant Tiger
- McDonalds (2600 CR43)
- Tim Hortons (2600 CR43)

These locations have been pinned on the attached map.

Further, the Clerk’s office was given feedback from members of the Committee requesting discussion for a bench at the Senior’s Centre. This location has also been pinned on the attached map.

**How Does This Relate To The Committee:** NG Transit serves all residents inclusive of residents with accessible needs and is promoted as an inclusive service.

**How Does This Relate To The Council Strategic Plan:**

Strategic Pillar #4 – Efficient Governance and Service Delivery

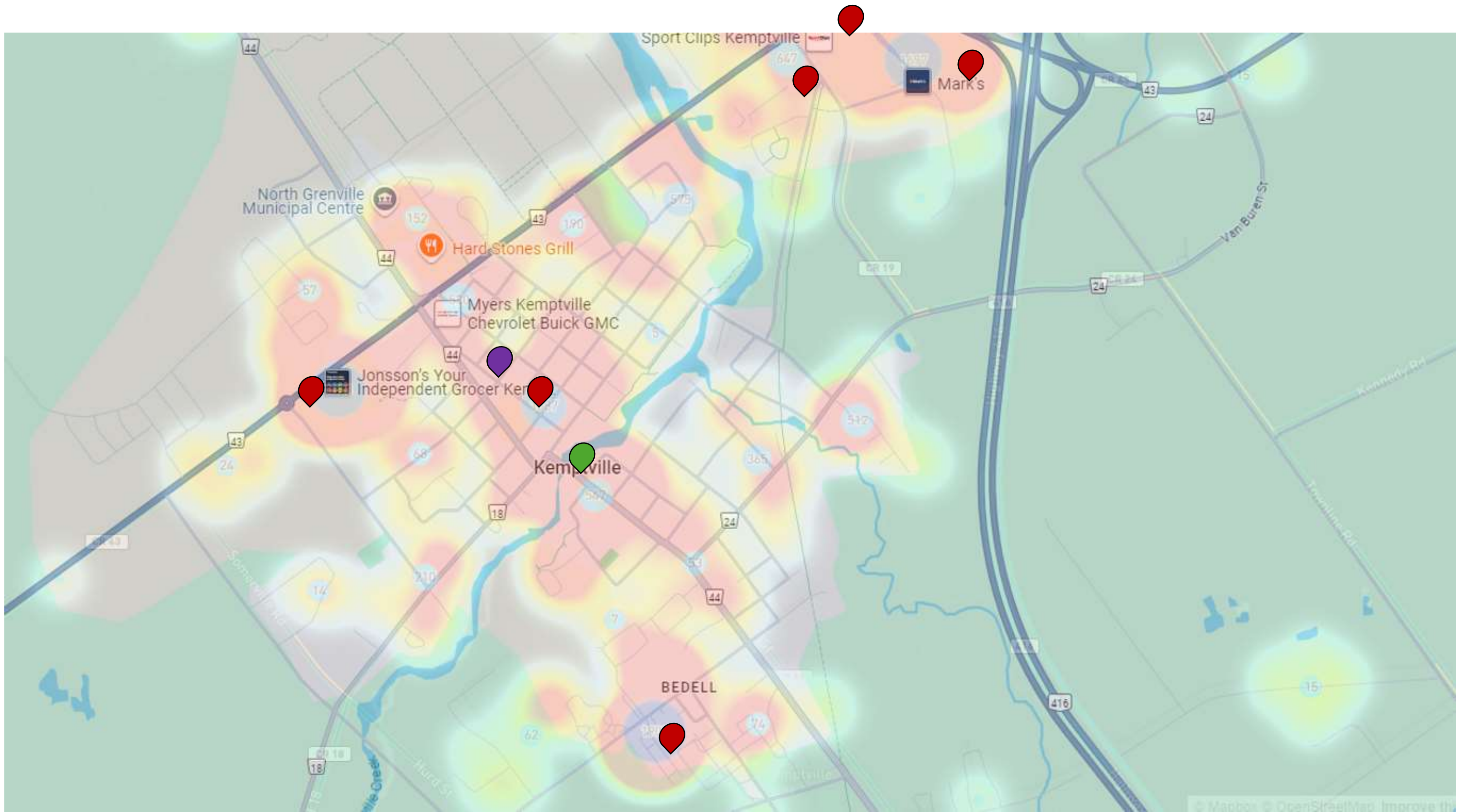
Goal #4.3 – Modernise Municipal Processes and Services

Priority #4.3.1 – Enhance service modernization and public engagement programming to ensure efficient and accessible municipal services.

**Outcome:** Using the heat map as a guide, staff suggest review of the map to identify any additional places the Committee wishes to investigate for further potential or any locations they would remove from the list for further thought.


**Next Steps:** Once a list of possible bench locations has been developed, Clerk's office staff can help assess the suitability of the list. Each location should be assessed for existing benches, possible barriers such as hydrants and garbage cans, encroachments onto private property and space to install. The findings will be returned to the Committee to refine the list.

Once the Committee is satisfied that the list includes viable places that will complement the NG Transit service, the Committee may pass a Significant Resolution requesting Council endorse the list and ask that the information be used as a reference tool by staff to determine locations for new bench installs as opportunity to install additional benches within the community arise.



 Location suggested by Director of CS

 Location suggested by Director of CS, bench existing

 Location suggested by AAC Members, to date