INTRODUCTION

Providing residents and visitors with various seating opportunities can contribute largely to extending people's length of stay when walking along Wye Road and surrounding streets.

Increased pedestrian usage of the streetscape will aide in traffic calming, as drivers will be more prone to slow down. Seeing more people out on the street will also encourage drivers to stop and investigate the surroundings.

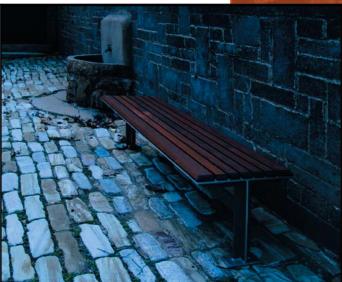
The following options discuss the material options for seating accessories and suggest detailing options available that would correspond with the theme.

It is important to note that whatever preferred material combination is used (be it wood/metal, metal, metal/stone); that subsequent site accessories follow a similar material combination to create a cohesive streetscape appearance.

Bench by Timberform showing rustic quality through a wood/metal combination and antique detailing.



'Knight' backless bench by Forms and Surfaces



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OPTION 1: RUSTIC SEATS WITH A CONTEMPORARY FRAME

The use of wood is reflective of historic benches and a western theme. Using a metal frame in contrast to a wood base is suggestive of an 'edgy' contemporary element- something worth considering for site furnishings in respect to the theme.

Right (Top): The 'Knight' bench by Forms and Surfaces.

Right (Middle/ Bottom): Examples of backless benches offered by Maglin. Refer to www.maglin. com for further information.









Below are various examples of wooden benches by Maglin. Refer to www.maglin.com for further information.



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OPTION 2: A HARD FRAME WITH RUSTIC DETAILING

Metal benches are often an optimal choice for their reputation in withstanding weathering. If a metal bench is preferential, then it is recommended that one is selected with a rustic/antique character. Examples of curved and details edges that present such rustic quality are provided below.

Additional: Page 72 discusses the creation of custom planters which would serve the dual purpose of seating walls. It is possible that the stone base suggested for the planters could also be used for the base of benches. Wood or metal could then be used to top off the bench base for a complete and custom made appearance.

Below are three examples of benches by Maglin that suit the theme. Refer to www.maglin.com for further information.







Above: Examples of bench customization through using a logo (shown top left) or a dedication plaque (shown right) which signifies a donation made from or in honour of a community member.

Below: An example of circular bench customized to a



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TABLES & CHAIRS

The following are options for areas where grouped seating may occur. It is recommended that tables and chairs selected be of the same material combination and colour as the benches.

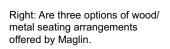


Left: An example of a chess table by Dumor Inc.

Left: An example of a metal table and chair arrangement by Dumor Inc. Refer to www.dumor. com for further information.



Above: An example of an umbrella used in a table setting by Forms and Surfaces. Umbrellas may be great accessories for seating areas in full sunlight.









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