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I **100%** support this idea.

This is the kind of civic “feel good” initiative that has been missing in our city since the Doug Craig era.

We can and must rally around worthy feel good projects, while we deal with the not so positive issues we are facing.

Add to this: when you “negotiate” with Home Depot, their sign must NOT be on the fountains, unless they are willing to 100% fund the cost of implementing the design and maintenance and all other issues that now and might arise in the future. They have sat on their butts for decades with this sorry-looking fountain on their watch. If they are not willing, the city of Cambridge should still go ahead and do the project, without their sign.

I will be writing their corporate office to let them know my views.

Let's do it!!!

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Scott Hamilton - Ward 7, Cambridge's Post



Rendering by Ross Rasevic shows the potential for what could be done with the formerly running fountains at Pinebush Rd. and Hespeler Rd. Submitted

'This is what I was visualizing,' said Coun. Scott Hamilton after seeing a resident's rendering that reimagines the city's dormant fountains as an LED-powered display



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This is a visual rendering of what the gateway to our city could look like with low-cost LED lighting.

No water needed; inexpensive and low-maintenance; and with a possibility of sponsorship for the project (so city taxes are not used).

A simple but effective transformation at a critical juncture in the city, from three decaying monoliths into something visually appealing - all while paying homage to a piece of the city's history, while looking ahead to what could come at this important intersection: a GO station, an LRT station, and thousands of housing units.

(I received this image from out-of-the-blue, from Ross R., a local resident excited about the idea of bring life back to this corner again. Thanks for sharing your excitement, Ross! 😊)

We have a wide variety of important issues always coming to city council. Soon, debates will cover 'Historical Conservation Districts' (HCDs), city snow removal, housing, new developments, and much more. One of the issues we'll discuss will be my motion asking staff for a report on future options for the old 'Knob Hill Fountains', located at the intersection of Hespeler Rd. and Pinebush — the gateway to Cambridge, right off of the 401.

Affordability is always top of mind. So, my motion asks for no money to be spent here at all — just a report on future possibilities, and to engage Home Depot as partners in exploring a variety of options here. Home Depot has already reached out to connect, which is great news.

Will water flow here again? This is highly unlikely due to high costs of bringing the system back online and then paying ongoing operating costs. So: why not explore other options, such as LED lighting, signage, etc., that could be even better — and at a far lower cost? (Note: Water issues affecting Waterloo Region's Mannheim service area do not affect this area of Cambridge, which is on the Middleton system — but this doesn't matter anyway, as LED lighting and other options appear more likely at this stage.)

We can form new partnerships and make small new investments in key civic spaces that make a huge impact in the visual appearance of our city in the future, and for decades to come. Affordability, infrastructure, and addressing social issues are crucial - but they are not mutually-exclusive with placemaking projects — creating interesting spaces in the city that inspire joy, beauty, and public conversation.

Without these projects, a city becomes stale as years go by, and risks losing its identity. If we don't start looking ahead with curiosity and optimism today, then we will be lacking these spaces in the future - and I'm hopeful and excited about what we can accomplish together when we put our minds to it.

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