

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Chair and Members of the Planning, Public Works and Transportation Committee

**FROM:** Matt Roj, Traffic Coordinator

**DATE:** June 13, 2019

**MEMORANDUM NO.:** MEM-TPW-2019-0015

**RE:** Transportation Update

**PURPOSE OF THE MEMORANDUM:**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an updated list of Traffic and Transportation related matters.

**BACKGROUND:**

The memorandum deals with Traffic and Transportation related matters dealt with by staff.

**COMMENTS:**

The attached list provides details and a status update of the traffic and transportation issues since the November 13, 2018 Committee meeting. This includes the following:

**Ward 1**

- Wallace Street, Train Noise Issues – On January 16, 2019, Mayor identified concerns raised by a resident with regard to train noise issues. On January 17, 2019, staff provided an update regarding to the upcoming 2019 Safety Assessment Railway Crossings of Metrolinx railway line to be completed in the fall. (Item #1)
- Queen Street (Hwy 7)/Churchill Road, Traffic Signal Operation – On January 17, 2019, Mayor identified a concern raised by a resident with regard to the traffic signal operation. The resident inquiry focused on the automatic recall of pedestrian displays during green indication displays for vehicles. On March 26, 2019, staff met with the resident to discuss the operation. On May 15, 2019, following the review of the proposed traffic signal operation, staff advised the resident that the proposed operation is inconsistent with the Transportation Engineering industry practice and it will not be implemented. (Item #2)

- Mill Street West, Speeding Concerns – On February 24, 2019, and April 25, 2019 the Mayor and Ward 1 Councillors identified a concern raised by residents with regard to speeding on Mill Street West and request to install a speed hump. Staff have advised that this road is identified in the 2019 Traffic Engineering Work Plan. (Item #3)
- Tanners Drive, Speeding Concern – On April 29, 2019, Mayor identified a speeding concern raised by a resident on Tanners Drive near Browns Crescent (West). In the week of May 6<sup>th</sup>, staff deployed a radar message board (RMB). Staff observations of the RMB display speeds did not identify a speeding issue. (Item #4)
- Mill Street East (Hwy 7), Railway Crossing Repairs – On April 29, 2019, Mayor inquired about the outstanding railway crossing repairs at the Mill Street East railway crossing. Following correspondence with Metrolinx, staff confirmed that the repairs will be undertaken by Metrolinx between September 6, 2019 and September 9, 2019. (Item #5)
- Sobeys Plaza, Truck Idling Noise Issues – On May 6, 2019, Councillor Hurst identified a concern raised by a resident with regards to the truck idling noise issues at the rear of Sobeys Plaza in Acton. On June 7, 2019, staff discussed the matter with both the manager of the Plaza and the manager of Sobeys operations. The area at the rear of Sobeys near the loading docks is being actively monitored by the manager of the Sobeys operations. The notices advising truck delivery drivers not to idle at the rear of the plaza were sent on June 7, 2019. The delivery trucks servicing the Sobeys plaza do not operate outside of 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. time period. Staff will continue to monitor truck idling issues and coordinate mitigating actions with both managers. (Item #6)
- Mill Street West/Victoria Avenue, Intersection Safety – On May 7, 2019, Councillor Somerville identified a concern raised by a resident with regard to the intersection safety at Mill Street West/Victoria Avenue. On May 20, 2019, staff informed Mayor and Ward 1 Councillors that the intersection is included in the 2019 Traffic Engineering Work Plan. (Item #7)
- Meadvale Road, Missing “No Parking” Signs – On May 27, 2019, Councillor Albano identified a concern raised by a resident regarding a missing “No Parking” sign on the east side of Meadvale Road, across from Tim Hortons. On May 28, 2019, staff informed Councillor Albano that the sign was reinstalled. (Item #8)

## **Ward 2**

- Fifth Line, Speeding Concerns – On February 22, 2019, Councillor Lewis identified a resident concern with regard to speeding on Fifth Line in Limehouse. The Fifth Line section located on the north side of Limehouse is identified in the

2019 Traffic Engineering Work Plan. Staff expect to undertake road safety improvements on Fifth Line this fall. (Item #9)

- Confederation Street, north of Wildwood Road, Speed Reduction and “Residential Area, Please Do Not Use Engine Brakes” Sign Request - On May 10, 2019, Councillor Lewis identified concerns raised by residents with regard to speeding and engine brake noise issues on Confederation Street, north of Wildwood. Confederation Street is identified in the 2019 Traffic Engineering Work Plan. Staff expect to undertake road safety improvements on Confederation this fall. (Item #10)

### **Ward 3**

- Grist Mill Drive, LED Street Light Issue – On January 21, 2019, the Mayor identified a concern raised by a resident with regard to the LED street light illumination levels and neighbourhood safety. On February 11, 2019, staff responded to the Mayor who addressed the resident concerns and identified the positive results of the LED Street Light Upgrade Project, which benefited the community, as whole. (Item #11)
- Lindsay Court, Sidewalk Request – On January 24, 2019, Councillor Johnson identified a concern raised by a resident with regard to lack of a sidewalk on Lindsay Court between the Extendedcare Halton Hills facility and McCullough Crescent. On January 28, 2019, staff reviewed the issue and advised Councillor Johnson that a pedestrian connection will be available once the development to the south and east commences. (Item #12)
- Dominion Gardens Development, On-Street Parking – On February 14, 2019, Mayor identified a concern raised by a resident with regard to additional parking within the Dominion Gardens Development. On February 22, 2019, staff responded directly to the resident. The boulevard parking will be reviewed in the fall 2019/spring 2020, as part of the Uniform Traffic Control By-law 84-1 update. (Item #13)
- Main Street South (Georgetown), Bike Corral – On March 11, 2019, Councillor Fogal identified a concern raised by a resident with regard to the “No Stopping” signs that were installed for the bike corral parking. Following the bike corral removal, the “No Stopping” signs were still displayed to motorists. On May 29, 2019, staff reviewed the situation and advised Councillor Fogal that the “No Stopping” signs will be covered until the bike corral is reinstalled. (Item # 14)
- Trafalgar Road (Reg. Rd. 3)/Metrolinx Railway Crossing – On March 28, 2019, Councillor Fogal identified concerns raised by residents with regard to train whistling. On March 28, 2019, staff forwarded the inquiry to the Region. On March 29, 2019, Region staff advised the Mayor and Councillor Fogal that a Safety Assessment Study needs to be completed to determine if a whistle

cessation is appropriate at the railway crossing. Further update will be provided by the Region staff, following the study completion. (Item #15)

- Arborglen Drive/Arborglen Drive Intersection, All-Way Stop Sign Control Request – On March 29, 2019, Councillor Johnson identified a concern raised by a resident with regard to road safety at the intersection of Arborglen Drive/Arborglen Drive. The resident requested the installation of an All-Way Stop Sign Control. This intersection is identified in the 2019 Traffic Engineering Work Plan. Staff will submit a report to the Planning, Public Works and Transportation Committee in the fall. (Item #16)
- Armstrong Avenue, Multi-use Pathway Parking Issues – On April 4, 2019, Councillor Fogal identified a concern raised by a resident with regard to the parking issues on Armstrong Avenue's new multi-use pathway. Vehicles continue to park illegally on the multi-use pathway, blocking both pedestrians and cyclists. Staff responded with the installation of "No Parking" signs in specific areas and increased parking enforcement. Further pavement markings and signage will be undertaken as part of the 2020 Traffic Engineering Work Plan. (Item #17)
- Bradley Drive, Parking Review – On May 2, 2019, Councillor Johnson identified a concern raised by a resident with regard to the parking capacity at 9 Bradley Drive. Staff is still investigating the parking issue and will provide an update at a future Planning, Public Works and Transportation Committee meeting. (Item #18)
- Arborglen Drive/Apple Blossom Crescent (East intersection), Stop Bar Request – On May 14, 2019, Mayor identified the existing concern raised by a resident with regards to a lack of stop bar at the intersection on Apple Blossom Crescent's approach to Arborglen Drive. Staff advised Mayor and Ward 3 Councillors that the stop bar will be installed this summer. (Item #19)
- 119 Mountainview Road North, Truck Noise Mitigation Measures – On May 15, 2019, Mayor identified a concern raised by a resident with regard to the truck traffic and noise issues on Mountainview Road North. Staff discussed the concerns with the resident and identified a truck network in Georgetown. A response was submitted on May 17, 2019. (Item #20)
- Main Street South/Arborglen Drive, Pedestrian Crossing Request – On May 27, 2019, Councillor Johnson identified a request raised by a resident with regard to a lack of controlled crossing area to access the multi-use pathway directly located on the east side of Eighth Line from Arborglen Drive. On May 28, 2019, staff advised Councillor Johnson that the intersection will be reviewed with a report to the Planning, Public Works and Transportation Committee in the fall. (Item #21)

- “Rainbow” Crosswalk request– On June 3, 2019, through the Community & Corporate Affairs Committee staff was requested to research the installation of a “Rainbow” crosswalk. Staff is suggesting the east crosswalk at the intersection of Church Street and Market Street. The approximate cost to install the “Rainbow” crosswalk is \$4,000.00. This is a new initiative and there is no allocated budget for this project. In some communities where these types of crossings have been implemented, it has been a joint cost sharing arrangement with a local community group. It should also be noted that vandalism has been experienced within other communities with these types of crosswalks. This new initiative is brought forward for the Planning, Public Works and Transportation Committee’s consideration. (Item #22)

#### **Ward 4**

- Miller Drive, School Crossing Guard Request – On January 16, 2019, the Mayor received a request from a resident with regard to the placement of the school crossing guard on Miller Drive at the Pedestrian Crossover located in front of St. Brigid Catholic Elementary School. On January 17, 2019, staff advised Mayor that children under the age of 12 must use the existing school crossing guards operating at the intersection of Miller Drive/Eaton Street (South). Both elementary schools fronting Miller Drive were contacted with regard to the children crossing issue. (Item #23)
- Danby Road, Speeding Concerns – On February 18 & 20, 2019, Mayor and Ward 4 Councillors identified concerns raised by residents on Danby Road between Orchid Avenue and Eighth Line. Staff provided initial responses to residents on February 19 & 20, 2019. Danby Road is identified in the 2019 Traffic Engineering Work Plan, and the road is currently being reviewed. (Item # 24)
- Barber Drive east of Mountainview Road South, Speeding Concerns – On June 4, 2019, a petition and delegation request was submitted to the Town by residents living near Barber Drive, on the east side of Mountainview Road South with regard to speeding issues near Barber Drive Park. Staff have prepared Memorandum No. TPW-2019-0016 to address the petition. (Item #25)

**CONCLUSION:**

A summary of all the traffic and transportation matters and associated actions have been identified in Attachment 1.

In addition, staff has provided information on the "Rainbow" crosswalks to be considered by the Committee for implementation.

Reviewed and approved by,

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**Maureen Van Ravens, Manager of Transportation**

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**Chris Mills, Commissioner of Transportation and Public Works**

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**Brent Marshall, Chief Administrative Officer**