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April 25, 2023

RE: 10.1 County of Wellington Response to Township Council Resolution regarding Lake Road Reconstruction and Project Details and Speed Limit Changes

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on April 12, 2023 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2023-123: Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

That Council receives the correspondence item 10.1 regarding the County of Wellington Response to Township Council Resolution regarding Lake Road Reconstruction and Project Details and Speed Limit Changes; and

That Council direct staff to resubmit the Council resolution from the March 1, 2023 meeting to the County Roads Committee for consideration at the September 2023 Committee meeting; and

That Council direct staff to request clarification from the Police Service Board regarding how speed changes and enforcement will take place.

CARRIED

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,
Courtenay Hoytfox
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March 22, 2023

To Mayor James Seeley and Township Council

I have received a copy of the correspondence from the Township of Puslinch Council meeting of March 1, 2023 with respect to the County of Wellington - Roads Committee Report - Lake Road Reconstruction (Wellington Road 32, Puslinch) - Project Details and Speed Limit Changes. The following Council resolutions were directed to me for a response:

That Council receives the correspondence item 10.2 County of Wellington - Roads Committee Report - Lake Road Reconstruction (Wellington Road 32, Puslinch, - Project Details and Speed Limit Changes for information; and
That Council direct staff to request that the County be requested to report to Council prior to approving the speed by-law and comment on the proposal for the addition of a threeway-stop at Travelled Road and Sandy Shore Blvd. and comment on the proposal for a graduated speed option from Townline Road to the residential area; and
That the County consider implementing a pilot program prior to adopting the speed by-law.

In addition to the Council resolutions, questions were forwarded to me from Puslinch staff by email on February 28, 2023:

10.2 Lake Road Reconstruction

- It is noted there will be post construction monitoring regarding the new concrete material, Cematrix. Will there also be post construction monitoring regarding the reptile and amphibian mortality rate? Is there baseline data (perhaps from community experts) to use? Or has the County collected its own data?

- When the project is under construction, what is the plan to ensure trucks are discouraged from using Ellis Road? This was an issue in the past and hopefully we can mitigate issues from happening again.

The Lake Road Reconstruction (Wellington Road 32, Puslinch) - Project Details and Speed Limit Changes report was approved by the Roads Committee and County Council in February, 2023. The report refers to the County's Road Master Action Plan (Road MAP), and the Lake Road assessment and recommendations along with providing project details, public open house comments, project schedule and posted speed limit bylaw changes.

In response to the above noted Council resolutions, the following are my comments:

Proposal for a three way-stop at Travelled Road and Sandy Shore Blvd

All way stop control is not warranted at these locations. The County implements stop control based Ontario Traffic Manual warrants.

Proposal for a graduated speed option from Townline Road to the residential area

A graduated speed option was not recommended in the Road MAP Speed Corridor Review study. The County has adopted the Transportation Association of Canada guidelines to establish posted speed limits throughout the County.

Implementing a pilot program prior to adopting the speed by-law

The implementation of a pilot program was not recommended in the Road MAP Speed Corridor Review study. A bylaw change is required for enforcement of the posted speed limit.

From the questions forwarded from Puslinch staff, the following are my responses:

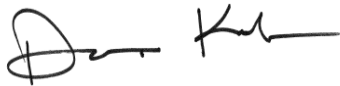
Will there also be post construction monitoring regarding the reptile and amphibian mortality rate? Is there baseline data (perhaps from community experts) to use? Or has the County collected its own data?

The County's ecological consultant completed a turtle habitat assessment for the project. The assessment provided data and observations on habitat and wildlife in the project area. The report recommends post construction monitoring and the County will have the consultant provide a follow up report.

What is the plan to ensure trucks are discouraged from using Ellis Road?

For the upcoming construction project, information and detour signs will be posted for traffic control purposes. Traffic including truck traffic will be maintained on Lake Road for the majority of the project duration with only one planned short term full road closure. The full road closure is planned for duration of one month and is expected to have a reduced impact on detoured traffic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Don Kudo', with a stylized, cursive script.

Don Kudo, P. Eng.
County Engineer

Cc: Gregg Davidson - Wellington County Roads Committee Chair

Andy Lennox – Wellington County Warden

Scott Wilson – Wellington County CAO

Joe de Koning – Wellington County Manager of Roads