

Staff Report

To: Mayor and Members of Council Meeting of November 20, 2023

From: Tammy Stevenson, Senior Project Manager

Subject: OPS 2023-043 Public Information Centre – Capital Projects

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive for information Report OPS 2023-043 being a report on Public Information Centre – Capital Projects.

PREVIOUS PERTINENT REPORTS/BY-LAWS/RESOLUTIONS

N/A

BACKGROUND

On October 24 and October 25, 2023, the township hosted a Public Information Centre (PIC) for Capital Projects at the Mount Forest and District Sports Complex and Arthur Community Hall respectively.

Design concepts were prepared for by Township's consulting engineers, B.M. Ross and Associates Limited and Triton Engineering Services Limited. Reconstruction designs drawings that were on display ranged between 65%-85% complete as follows:

| John Street, Mount Forest | Smith Street, Arthur |
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| (Queen Street W to Waterloo Street) | (Wells St to Conestoga St) |
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The following proposed capital works drawings were also on display:

- 2024 Sidewalk Program
- 2024 Asphalt Program
- 2024 Structure repair and replacement Program
- Pedestrian Crossover designs

A survey was made available to attendees to solicit feedback on the capital projects presented, and an electronic version was available on the Township website. Public comments were

posted with a closing date of November 20, 2023. All surveys results that were received have been included in the consolidated survey information found in Attachment 1. Highlight of the concerns that were expressed as part of the feedback include:

- Removal of large mature trees on both John Street and Fergus Street
- Replacement trees to be larger size than current Municipal Servicing Standards
- Using municipal funds to "fix" a private business's parking/traffic issues
- Enforce traffic control measures (no parking) on John Street rather than reconstruct
- Lack of enforcement of traffic laws
- Close the entrance to Tim Horton's off of John Street to drive through traffic
- Force Tim Horton's to move
- Close Tim Horton's John Street entrance
- Left turn lane on John Street
- Make John Street a one way street
- Foodland was expected to contribute to the cost of managing traffic for their business at the North end, why isn't Tim Horton's paying to fix their own problem
- Hire an arborist
- Alternative construction methods (i.e. directionally bore) to save trees
- Sidewalk running grade to be smooth
- Mountable curb to allow for parking on backside of curb
- Safety of children travelling to and from school
- Storm service and private sump pump connections
- Paving of boulevards versus grass
- House frontage grass and driveway impacts

A petition titled "Keep the Forest in Mount FOREST" with 216 signatures was submitted at the November 20, 2023, Council meeting as found in Attachment 2.

Next Steps

Staff will continue to work with our consultants to review the reconstruction projects design of John Street between Waterloo Street and Queen Street West and Fergus Street between Birmingham Street and Sligo Road. Feedback that was received from the survey will be reviewed and incorporate into the design as appropriate and where practical to help minimize the impact to tree removals and other comments received. Further consultation with all stake holders will be completed.

Staff are recommending that the reconstruction of Fergus Street North between Wellington Street and Birmingham Street be constructed in 2024 and is included in the draft 2024 Capital Works Budget. Staff have been working with our consultants to review the design to limit the impact to tree removals.

Staff will review current tree policies, Municipal Servicing Standards and provide recommendations to Council.

| FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS | | | |
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| Additional funds have been requested as part of the draft 2024 budget for John Street to complete additional design work. | | | |
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| Attachment 1 – Survey feedback that were received from the PIC in October 2023 Attachment 2 – Keep the Forest in Mount FOREST petition | | | |
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| | STRATEGIC PL | AN 2019 – 2022 | |
| Do the report's recommendations align with our Strategic Areas of Focus? | | | |
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| Which priority does this report support? | | | |
| ☐ Modernization and Efficiency☐ Municipal Infrastructure☐ Alignment and Integration | | | |
| Prepared By: | Tammy Stevenson, Senior Project Manager 7ammy Stevenson | | |
| Recommended By: | ommended By: Brooke Lambert, Chief Administrative Brooke Lambert Officer | | Brooke Lambert |



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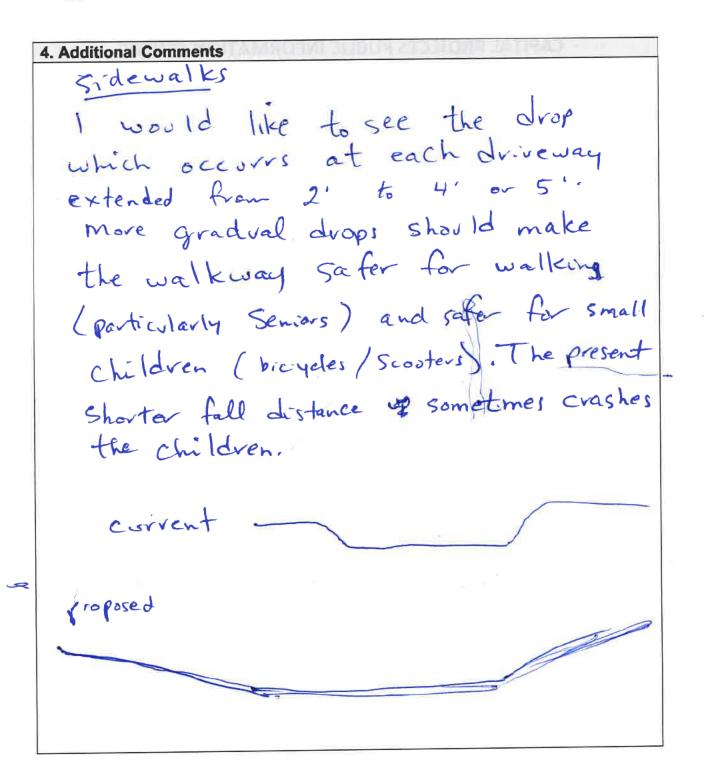
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4. Additional Comments

Thank you for hosting the public information session about this upcoming project. I had the opportunity to speak with the project engineer about the proposed tree removal on my property.

I am strongly opposed to the removal of these trees as well as others on Fergus St. The plan shows removal of two very large, mature and healthy maple trees from my property. I intentionally purchased this property because it was located on a mature, treed lot in a very desirable area of town. The tree lined street contributes to the local charm that makes the area so desireable. Removing these trees will change the face of this property and significantly reduce the property value.

Also, removal of these trees will have significant environmental impact. These trees offer significant shade which keeps the house and neighbourhood cool in the summer months. With climate change and increasing summer temperatures, the shade is even more important. It is proven that a significant tree canopy results in energy savings, offsets carbon emissions, reduces storm winds, humifies the air and removes airborn pollutants. There are countless benefits to keepin them in tact.

I understand from my discussion with the engineeer that the removal of these trees is solely to make way for a new sidewalk. Is there not a way that the sidewalk can be worked around the trees? Although the current sidewalk is narrow, I would guess that walkers would prefer the shade that these trees offer over a wider sidewalk. If the removal was required to allow for construction of new watermains or similar systemic upgrades, it might be more understadable. To simply remove them to widen a sidewalk is not necessary. The benefit does not outweigh the cost.

The plan also calls for replacement of these trees with 1.8 meter trees. That is simply unacceptable. If this project involves changing the face and character of this neighbourhood, it also needs to involve replacing these 100 year old trees with trees of a significant size. The township has an obligation to this community and to property owners to minimize the negative impact of this project. I will never in my lifetime see the benefit of a 1.8 meter tree and my propoerty value will take many years to recover.

I do appreciate some of the improvements that this project will bring to the community and I know that it is impossible to bring those improvments without some change. I sincerely ask that the negative impact of some of these changes be given more serious consideration. I am all for progress....but some of this doesn't look like progress. It looks like regression. We are not an urban centre. Most people who live here choose to do so because they don't want to live in an urban centre. They want the charm of a small town and everything that comes with that. Changing the face of these heritage neighbourhoods changes the face of Mount Forest.

Please reconsider the tree removal from my property. I would sincerely appreciate it if we could discuss this further. I am open to discussing a possible compromise. I know that my neighbours at St N feel the same way.

Thank you for listening. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours truly



4. Additional Comments

-A turning lane will not solve our problem Just make things worse, instead 2

lanes will be blocked off instead of 1.

- A lot of Kids on John St, this will make larger amounts of traffic. Making it unsafe for Kids traveling to/ From School tct.

-we don't allow any other food companyto use the road as a drive through, foodland had to help with the cost and figure it out warmshow themselves.

- there are bigger problems and more dangerous 84's then John St.

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-Making a turning lane in the center of the road will not fix the drive thru issue. Will cause more problems. Now on weekends instead of rigs and other traffic having issues of getting around the drive thru traffic on Queen Street. They are going to have issues of getting around the turning lane traffic plus the other traffic that can't get onto John Street because turning lane traffic will be blocking 2 lanes now.

-Would be better to make it a one way street and put the turning lane closest to Timmy and the other lane could be through traffic. Less near misses, accidents, and fights.

-Or change the direction of the one lane road so everyone comes from Waterloo street This would allow 2 blocks of traffic not half a street

 -Why are we allowing Timmy to use our roads as a drive thru. No other municipality does.

-This is a Timmy problems. We made Foodland figure out their issue why are we not making Timmy. If they can't figure it out then the drive thru should be closed. Town should not suffer because of one business.

-Is Timmy being held responsible for any of the issue. Are they paying for any of these expenses.

-New sewers are being put in. What if a homeowner can't afford that expense. In this day and age times are tough as it is without an added expense.

-You are taking 3 ft from everyones front lawns. Why not take 1.5 from both sides of the road. Might be able to save more trees this way.

-Some people are losing their complete front lawn. And will step right off there front step onto side walk. This is already a highly crime street. With losing that 3 feet you are now putting the criminals closer to homeowners front doors.

-By taking the 3 feet some people will have no place to park on their own property. How are you going to address this. Is Timmy going to allow these people to park at their facility. Or can they park in your driveway.

-The center turning lane is only getting about 2 more cars in the lane as opposed to what is already there at the side of the road. So not really a fix!

-If the town wants to help Timmy fix the problem then they should buy the abandon eye sore on the corner of Hwy 6 & 89. And put the drive thru through there. Would solve two problems. The Timmy traffic and how uninviting that building makes our town look. Plus then we could also save our trees.

-Maybe a second location is the solution like Arthur did.

 We are just putting a bandaid on the problem what are we going to do in 3 yrs when we have more people in Mount Forest and the problem is that much bigger. Lets not put a bandaid on the problem and fix it for good. Turning lane is not the bigger solution.

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To andy Lennot-Mayor all Council Members,

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I completely agree with Daphne Rappard of the Int Forest Green Team. We need to do more to help Seep all our beautiful Trees here in Mt Forest & around the whole country. Fergus st N. no problem work it out with out cutting the trees down, It can be done! We are not a big city with a lot of sidewalk traffer, The John St. project is a puggle to me. I think Tem Hostons should help pay for the changes needed. It will be a benefit to them. Would the rules that were en place when it was built still apply? How many years ago was that? I think Time should feel darn quilty for expecting the town to put all that money out. Which well put everyones takes up! When I first moved here 9 years ago, I loved to walk the streets & see the beautiful trees living The streets, beautiful en all seasons: So hang onto them as best as you can, Go the eftra mile. Its for our health as well as for the beauty. Thanks for all you do Sencesely.

Tammy Stevenson

From: Karren Wallace

Sent: November 10, 2023 12:44 PM

To: Tammy Stevenson
Cc: Brooke Lambert

Subject: FW: Dear council members

Karren Wallace, Director Legislative Services/Clerk Phone) 519-848-3620 ext 4227 Email) kwallace@wellington-north.com

-----Original Message-----

From: (

Sent: Friday, November 10, 2023 12:43 PM

To: township < township@wellington-north.com>

Subject: Dear council members

Hello, I have lived in Mount Forest for going on 30 years now. I wanted to tell you how much I appreciate your collective efforts to keep our town moving in the right direction while balancing that against rate increases.

May I weigh in on a couple matters?

Firstly, Daphne Rappard's recent letter in the BizBull hit the nail on the head. Are we not all responsible to preserve this town's namesake? Please find a way to save our tree canopy.

Secondly, is there not a way to partner with the Lion's Club or some other service club to finally get a dog park built in this town? I see Hanover has done exactly that.

Lots of dogs here in town and their people could certainly use a fenced in space to blow off some steam.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sent from my iPhone





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I am concerned about the removal of a large number of trees in our town of Mount Forest. Some creative solutions need to be considered.

The Fergus Street sidewalk: Doesn't need to be five feet wide. There are exceptions to codes. With some simple changes to the width of the sidewalk and road the trees can be saved.

Sewer pipes: There are solutions to sewer pipe installation that have been done in other towns, that negate the need to remove trees.

Taking out trees will be tremendously expensive, far outweighing the cost of using other methods of completing the project.

I would like to see a proper environmental review by a professional who can outline better options than the removal of these legacy trees of Mount Forest. This project should not be rushed through.

John Street: I don't believe people should pay for Tim Hortons' lack of foresight in not purchasing enough land. I agree that they could move their establishment to another location.

In summary, I would ask the Council to delay approval of these projects and seek some professional consultation on options to save our legacy trees.



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| Unique situation on my property to highlight | My property's driveway is located on John Steet. The residents on John Street have the right of way and we both share the same exit point to John street to accommodate the Tim Hortons drive-thru line up. Page 1 of 4 |

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My property is directly impacted by your suggested change to the John Street layout. I would like to request an individual sit-down meeting to constructively find a solution which is satisfactory for my neighbors and me.

Currently, the Tim Hortons drive-thru is snaking on the Tim Hortons property and branches out further onto John Street and even Queen Street West in both directions. The traffic situation is causing significant security concerns for the local residents and causes significant annoyances, anger, honking, and profanities for the residents and customers who line up for a very long time and are "cut off" by people entering through the extra branches of the extensive Tim Hortons drive-thru who also don't know where to line up.

I have not seen any drive-thru where it is handled like this. This is idiotic and should stop. I understand that Tim Hortons would prefer the taxpayer to pay for this. But I think a Tim Hortons drive-thru is supposed to be handled on its property. Any other drive-thru I have visited so far has a clear marking where the queue starts. I have never seen a drive-thru spilling onto multiple public roads and branching out like in this location. It is the single source of this problem. If Tim Hortons has outgrown their current property due to an expansive profit generating customer base, then the profit oriented company should resolve this problem with their funds on their property and not be allowed to seize public property to continue increasing their profit margins.

The customers lining up on John street are continuously violating the traffic rules as the street is clearly labeled with do not stop and do not park signs up and down on both sides. The only solution for this problem is to enforce the law. No changes to the road layout you suggested will impact the currently chaotic lineup branching in multiple directions. I find it appalling that the neighborhood is supposed to accept removing many old trees, moving the sidewalk in front of their door steps, losing parking space, and paying for widening the road only towards one side of the road only to accommodate a traffic situation which is violating the current traffic laws just to appease a high-profit private company who refuses to address the problem within its property lines while not losing an inch of their property.

The currently proposed introduction of a left-turn lane for Tim Hortons on John Street will cut off access to with respect to left turns. It will also increase the probability of accidents as people will line up both lanes to wait and enter the Tim Hortons as this town does not enforce the traffic laws. Additionally, if there is an accident now when someone enters or exits my property, the John street driver will be legally responsible as he was violating the traffic laws. After introducing the new changes this may change and will burden the cost on the residents who get hit by Tim Hortons customers.

You stated in your presentation that this is a restoration project. As a result of this, I don't see any reason why we should expand the road or move the sidewalks. Tim Hortons decided to utilize a second access point for their drive-thru, we do not need to accommodate that stupid decision. They can run their drive-thru traffic through their Main Street access points as it was designed. We could enforce the law and ticket all customers violating the posted traffic signs and should explore options to hold Tim Hortons accountable for these traffic violations. There is

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no reason to cut down the trees if we do not expand the road as we do not need trenching to the property lines as alternative construction methods are available. I have seen it countless times in use and doubt this is a problem. I bought this property as it is situated in a wooded city area which I find beautiful. I would like to keep the trees as they are good for the local and global environment. It is wrong to cut down trees, so more cars can line up idling. This is the opposite of what we are supposed to do, instead of reducing CO2, we are encouraging its production.

My suggestion on how to solve the problem is simple: Put a lockable gate in front of the service box access for Tim Hortons and mark out a drive-thru on Tim Hortons parking lot running from the existing Main Street entry to the Main Street exit. That way the garbage trucks and delivery trucks can access the property as it was intended originally. Alternatively, the owner of Tim Hortons can purchase the Gas station beside it and expand the parking lot or drive-thru onto this property. If you need to widen the road a little bit, do so on Tim Hortons side. The argument I heard from your consultant that there is a hydro pole in the way is null and void as those can obviously be moved and sidewalks can be placed on property beside the hydro poles. I have seen that countless times. Dead trees, i.e. hydro poles, are easy to move. Living trees are not and considering your planned paving and replanting rules, we will not see many new trees and just stare at asphalt and concrete.

The current situation is bad but the changes displayed in the engineering drawings make it worse. You will make it very difficult to access my property and will worsen the traffic situation as due to the already present lack of traffic law enforcement, people will then line up on both lanes to wait to enter Tim Hortons from Queen Street West on John Street.

Furthermore, I would like to inquire about the communication your team had with Tim Hortons. If you have not had an interaction with them then you should start now. If you did, I would like you to present it to the public in the next meeting. It would be great if you could provide me with the notes in advance. Please let me know what form I would need to complete to get access to this information.

We are not approaching a time of increasing budget surpluses to my knowledge. Recent changes to the laws governing the province indicate significant cost increases and revenue decreases to spur up construction of new homes. We are spending over 12 million just to accommodate the builders in Kenilworth. As a result of this we should re-evaluate this significant expenditure which could be reduced by not widening the road and keeping it in its current location including the sidewalks. I support building the swimming pool as this has many benefits. I only see one beneficiary in this project: Tim Hortons.



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-My partner and I became first-time homeowners in May. We looked for a house for over a year and one of the main reasons we settled in town was the established neighbourhood with trees that have been growing for at least a hundred years. It's just a nice environment to be in.

- -The addition of a proposed turning lane for the drive-thru will do absolutely nothing to mitigate the traffic congestion solely caused by Tim Hortons. It will only serve to have the traffic back up along Queen street for cars lining up for the turning lane.
- -I had to leave work early to attend the information meeting, and was extremely disappointed to hear of the proposed changes to John Street. As a resident and taxpayer I do not agree with allocating public funds to benefit a fast-food chain. The owner of the franchise was not present at the meeting; has he offered to contribute to the cost of this construction that solely benefits him?
- -I did not appreciate the lack of transparency or willingness to explore other options demonstrated by the Township and Triton Engineering. We were not provided with any estimates on the cost of this project, how long it would take to complete, or shown any alternatives such as completing the underlying work on the sewer system without adding in a turning lane or exploring options to preserve the trees such as tunnelling instead of trenching. If you look at some of the most sought after neighbourhoods in downtown Toronto there are tons of century-old trees present. The city has no problem preserving them while they complete endless roadwork and upgrades. The sewer system in Mount Forest needs to accommodate far less usage. It would be entirely possible to complete this construction without destroying the local micro-climate created by the trees marked for destruction in question.
- -It does not appear an environmental engineer or an arborist were consulted in the development of this plan and the suggestion that "replacing" the current trees with ones that are 1.8m tall is laughable. The amount of CO2 and pollution the current trees filter out is exponential compared to the saplings the Township has proposed to put in and it was distressing to hear how few trees have actually been replaced when construction has required their removal in previous years.
- -I strongly urge you to reconsider this project, there are other alternatives.

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Tammy Stevenson

From:
Sent: October 31, 2023 5:09 PM
To: Tammy Stevenson

Subject: Fergus street tree removal

I was told that all of my beautiful old trees are slated for destruction because someone feels we need a new sidewalk. I would seriously hope you reconsider - the trees are what makes mount forest special - it is one of the main reasons we bought our house 7 years ago and honestly it will have a serious impact on the resale value of our home. All to replace a sidewalk that does not have any issues.

We are supposed to be saving the environment and the beautiful tree scape of mount forest. This idea is just absolutely appalling to me. The town has taken many old trees down and frankly you are destroying our neighbour hoods!! What are my options for appeal going forward? I have talked to many neighbours and they are all shocked the town would remove such beautiful trees.

I would rather not chain myself to a tree but I'm definitely not opposed to doing this as a last resort. Please let me know if this is actually a done deal or who our neighbours can appeal to.

Thank you

Sent from my iPhone



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Concerning the Fergus Street project, the devastation to the historical and natural beauty of the streetscape will be enormous. The magnificent trees that line the road add to the health of the people, animals and environment, providing essential shade as the summers get hotter and hotter. There is no substitue to a mature, healthy tree when it comes to cooling shade, habitat for the birds and air quality.

In our age of climate instability, we need to act to protect our natural assests and our mature trees are incredibly important to our over-all well being. Trees have economic value that needs to be considered too.

As for John Street, please leave the trees and green space for the sake of the home owners constantly under stress from the motorists lined up for Tim Hortons. It's already a horrible place to live with all the car exhaust, don't make it worse!

Please put a hold on these two projects and put the value of the mature trees into proper perspective. There are ways to proceed that will reduce the amount of damage and protect the trees.

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I am thankful for this opportunity to comment and expect our community input to be acted upon.



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It should be clear to everyone the presence of trees has been key to the identity of our community from a historical context and for most of us it is an element of pride.

Recognizing this, why would Mount Forest be entertaining the prospective removal of trees that are key to our identity? In particular for the purposes of road widenings? Our community is not one with traffic pressures that necessitate such works. Ours is one of pastoral beauty where our tree lined streets are known throughout SW Ontario.

Such a proposal is of questionable necessity and patently without sympathy to the character of the community. It needs, no demands to be carefully re-examined by our council with community feedback.

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I'm appalled at the number of healthy mature trees that the Fergus Street and John Street projects will destroy. With so many trees in Mount Forest already removed (and not replaced), dead from disease and with no succession planning, Mount Forest is becoming uglier every year. Our tree canopy is essential for human (and animal) health, both physical and mental.

If Mount Forest can find the funds to build a new pool, then we can certainly save some of these trees using alternative methods that protect the tree roots. I ask that these projects are put on hold until all options are considered that would reduce the ammount of damage done to our tree population. Thank you for your consideration.

Tammy Stevenson

From: Lindsay Scott < lscott@tritoneng.on.ca>

Sent: November 1, 2023 4:58 PM

To:

Cc: Tammy Stevenson

Subject: RE: John Street Reconstruction

Hi Harry,

Thank you for your email with additional comments regarding the Reconstruction of John St, Mount Forest project. I will add your comments (in the email below) to our file for consideration and have copied the Township on this email for their records.

Thank you,

Lindsay Scott, P.Eng.



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From: l

Sent: Wednesday, November 1, 2023 4:53 PM **To:** Lindsay Scott < lscott@tritoneng.on.ca> **Subject:** John Street Reconstruction

Hello Lindsay,

I was at the road reconstruction information session in Mount Forest last week and filled out a comment sheet regarding my property at

I forgot to include one item and was reminded of it again this morning when I turned south from Queen Street, left onto John Street and eastbound traffic was blocking the intersection again.

I would suggest that a "DO NOT BLOCK INTERSECTION" sign be placed on the eastbound side of Queen St be placed just west of the intersection.

I have seen many times when this happens and it can cause backups right around the corner at 89 and 6 intersection (southbound side) because someone is south on 6 turning left trying to go east on 89 and waiting for northbound 6 traffic to clear.

I have also seen where east/west 89 light is green, someone is on 89 trying to turn north on 6 and can't because westbound traffic has jammed intersection and stopped because of left turner trying to go south on John. When the 6 light turns green, no one moves in any direction, N,S,E or W, all because the John/Queen intersection is blocked.

If you don't have ability to include this suggestion for the project, please pass this message on to someone who has control over the signage on the streets in town. Thank you.

Regards,





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Daphne Rappard's letter to the editor in November's Biz Bull says it all. when we had the Village Bakery in mount Forest, there was controversy about the trees on the main st. This is small potators compared to the removal of trees such as the trees on Fergus. St. Trees are part of the well being of Mount Forst's citizens not to mention the environment on a whole. there are better ways!!!! Find them, find people to do them and pay to have it done. Be leaders of the 21st century and make your citizens proudle.

P.S. I now reside in Holstein, Southgate but
mount forest is a strong part of where I
do busness and is part of my life.

P.S.S. Making better access for Tim Horton's is treating
the symptom not the problem access problem will
only continue as long as Tim Horton's is at that intersection

Tammy Stevenson

From:

Sent: October 29, 2023 7:29 PM

To: Subject: Tammy Stevenson

John street mount forest

I found out today that John Street may have some major changes that include cutting down trees.

Immediately I wrote this to Guelph today:

How do I share my view?

The trees are definitely one thing I love about Mount forest. 40 years ago, maple trees were planted around town on many streets. It has taken 40 years for these beautiful trees to grow and yet they are only half the size of some of the great maples we still have around town.

Albert Street is a great example of how long it takes to transform a blank canvas. Most of the maple trees on Albert from Egremont to Oakview crescent are about 40 years old and were planted by the town. The opposite end of Albert with the newer houses is barren, hardly a tree in site. I think the difference on this street speaks volumes, the trees make one end of the street beautiful.

In the 70's when the homes on Oakview, Church and Forest Glen crescents were built many of the old trees were left. This is totally different to how subdivisions are built now. Take a good look at the difference. You can't just make beautiful subdivisions like these without the trees. These Crescents have been there 50 years and many of the trees even longer. Just a street over, off London Road the homes that are 20 or 30 years younger still stand without a tree in site. I know which street I would rather live, take a walk or a drive on, it's the one with more trees.

Very recently it only took one day for the corners of Egremont & Wellington and Fergus & King to look open and barren, because the beautiful old maples were cut down.

Please don't cut down the trees. It takes years to replace their beauty and function.

My second thought is are you kidding, the town has to pay for a Tim Horton's problem. You can't be serious.



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Tammy Stevenson

From: Karren Wallace

Sent: November 10, 2023 8:49 AM

To: Tammy Stevenson

Cc: township

Subject: FW: Tree Removal in Mount Forest

Karren Wallace, Director Legislative Services/Clerk

Phone) 519-848-3620 ext 4227

Email) kwallace@wellington-north.com

From:

Sent: Thursday, November 9, 2023 11:50 PM **To:** township <township@wellington-north.com>

Subject: Tree Removal in Mount Forest

To the Township of Wellington North

There is a difference between removing a dead or dying tree and removing healthy trees for short term convenience. When I read Daphne Rappard's letter in the November issue of the Bizbull, I was shocked. There are obviously other options rather than removing 45 trees for the various road, sewer and construction projects in Mount Forest.

For safety reasons part of a tree

was removed.

There's less shade now and I had air conditioning running more than in previous summers.

Just Part of ONE Tree. The squirrels still visit. And chickadees. The odd Cardinal.

Please Take the Time to consult with an Arborist. Consider Long Term Consequences of removing so many trees.

Elgin Street lost many healthy mature trees when the sewers were replaced several years ago.

It would be a great shame for more trees to be removed if they can be saved.

We talk about climate change and if we as individuals can make a difference. We as a Community Can. For BETTER OR WORSE.

I pray we make the Right Decision for OUR Collective Future,

Sincerely



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Additional comments re John Street traffic congestion by Tim Hortons.

1 Tim's site has unused green space off John Street that should be considered by them as additional entry to their drive through sp right side access to the drive thru. Several drive thru fast foods have 2 lanes that merge to the order site

They also have a space on the left side of their entry off John Street that could be used after they remove the large stones. This will an extra lane off John to ease traffic flow

- 2 Tim Hortons owner or company should have consulted/involved in this process as a community partner and wanting a safe enviro their customers
- 3. This sets a precident for other business to expect accommodation that their business traffic congestion causes.
- 4 The centre turn lane proposal is complicated and if this business moves it leaves complicated instructions
- 5 Tim could consider a new location at the north end of town where there is more space for drive through, such as Arthur ontario

6 pass a by law to enforce no stopping or parking

Lastly a comment about the new pool proposal. Keep it simple.

A rectangular or square pool that can be covered with a solar blanket to keep warm

Length and width to offer swim team and swim meets.

Families will not lounge under umbrellas(they go to the beach) or a pergola as there for a swim and parents should be in the water kids.

Area proposed is more landscape for pool staff to observe kids and will require more staff

If the pool is connected to the arena property will it share parking



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SPECIFIC TO REDICULOUS SUGGESTION TO WIDENING JOHN STREET FOR THE TIM HORTON'S DRIVE-THRU. I KNOW THE SUGGESTION IS THAT IT IS "TRAFFIC" BUT LETS NOT HIDE THE TRUTH... IF TIM HORTON'S WERE TO CLOSE THEIR DOORS TODAY THE "TRAFFIC" WOULD NO LONGER BE A PROBLEM. I THINK WE CAN ALL AGREE ON THAT.

TIM HORTON'S IS ALREADY BUSTING AT THE SEAMS. THEY CANNOT HANDLE THE POPULATON TRAFFIC AS IT IS...

WHAT IS THE PLANNED POPULATION INCREASE WITHIN THE NEXT 5 YEARS??

DOES TIM HORTON'S HAVE A PLAN FOR FUTURE POPULATION??THEY SHOULD!!

PUTTING IS A CENTER LANE IS NOT INCREASING CAPACITY!! YOU WILL BE SPENDING MILLIONS TO ONLY ACCOMODATE THE 5 CARS THAT ARE CURRENTLY PARKED THERE... THIS PLAN DOES NOTHING FOR CAPACITY!!!

EVEN IF 10% OF THE FUTURE POPULATION ATTENDS THE TIM HORTON'S AT THEIR CURRENT LOCATION, TIM HORTON'S WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACCOMODATE THEM IN THIER CURRENT SITE.

CUTTING DOWN BEAUTIFUL TREES, WIDENING THE ROAD, TAKING AWAY THE LITTLE BIT OF FRONT YARD HOUSES HAVE AND SHORTENING DRIVEWAYS TO INSTALL A "CENTER LANE" THAT DOES NOT INCREASE CAPAICITY IS THE MOST REDICULOUS SUGGESTION I HAVE EVER HEARD!

THE "CENTER LANE" WILL ONLY CAUSE CHAOS IN AN ALREADY CONGESTED AREA, THANKS TO TIM HORTON'S.

A PLAN NEEDS TO BE BROUGHT FORTH THAT INCREASES CAPACITY.

IF YOU ARE GOING TO SPEND MILLIONS OF TAX PAYERS DOLLARS THEN MAKE IT WORTH OR DO SOMETHING!!! THE TAX PAYERS SHOULD SEE A BENEFIT FROM IT, NOT A DETRIMENT.

TIM HORTON'S NEEDS TO MAKE A PLAN! A GOOD BUSINESS OWNER PLANS FOR THE FUTURE. WHAT IS THEIR PLAN?

GOD HELP YOU IF YOU CUT DOWN ALL THOSE TREES, WIDEN THE ROAD, REMOVE THE FRONT LAWNS OF SEVERAL HOMES, SHORTEN DRIVEWAYS AND THEN TIM HORTON'S MOVES!!! THEN WHAT?? THERE IS NOTHING KEEPING THEM THERE!

IF YOU WIDEN THE ROAD ARE YOU GOING TO MAKE THEM SIGN SOMETHING SAYING THE MUST STAY IN THAT LOCATION UNTIL THE COST OF THE IMPROVEMENT HAS BEEN FULLY DEPRECIATED???? THAT WILL TAKE WHAT 30 YEARS??? HAVE THERE BEEN ANY COMMUNICATIONS WITH TIM HORTON'S????

THE PEOPLE THAT WILL LOSE THEIR FRONT LAWNS WILL WALK OUT OF THEIR HOUSE ONTO THE SIDEWALK. THESE SAME PEOPLE WILL BE THE ONES LOSING THE LENGHT OF THEIR DRIVEWAYS AND POSSIBLY NO LONGER FITTING THEIR CARS IN THIER DRIVEWAY. WILL TIM HORTON'S ALLOW THESE PEOPLE TO PARK IN THEIR PARKING LOT SINCE TIM HORTON'S HAS SHORTENED THEIR DRIVEWAY?

I AM IN AGREEMENT THAT SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE BUT UNLESS THE IMPORVEMENT IS INCREASING CAPACITY YOU NEED TO MINIMIZE THE COST. MAKE JOHN STREET A ONE WAY, TAKE THE MUNICIPAL SECTION OF THE EAST SIDE OF THE ROAD FOR THE DRIVE-THRU. THE CARS CAN LINE UP AND GO STRAIGHT INTO THE DRIVE-THRU WITH LITTLE TO NO EXPENSE.

OR TIM HORTON'S SHOULD JUST MOVE!!!!!

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TIM HORTON'S NEEDS TO CONSIDER A NEW LOCATION, MAYBE BESIDE THE NEW FOOD LAND

THAT WOULD BE A PERFECT SPOT FOR THEM!

MAYBE GIVE THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY SOME PROPERTY TAX REBATES THAT THEY CAN PASS ON TO TIM HORTON'S TO ASSIST WITH THE RELOCATION. THE COST WOULD BE FAR LESS. THEY COULD EVEN KEEP THE JOHN STREET LOCATION OPEN BUT REMOVE THE DRIVE-THRU OR MAKE THEM USE THE NORTH SIDE OF THE PARKING LOT. PEOPLE WILL FIND PLACES TO PARK!!!!

SUMMARY:

MAKE JOHN STREET A ONE WAY, EITHER NORTH OR SOUTH. IF NORTH THE EAST SIDE OF THE ROAD WILL BE THE NEW DRIVE-THRU LINE UP AND THE ROAD WILL ACCOMODATE LOTS OF CARS.

MAKE JOHN STREET A ONE WAY GOING SOUTH, THE EAST LANE WILL BE THE DRIVE-THRU SIDE AND WILL ONLY ACCOMODATE THE 5/6 CARS THAT YOU ARE LOOKING TO ACCOMODATE WITH THE RIDUCUOLUS PROPOSAL.

MAKE TIM HORTON'S MOVE..... THIS IS THE BEST SOLOUTION. THEY CANNOT ACCOMODATE THE TRAFFIC THEY HAVE NOW!!!

SHOCK POINT..... MOUNT FOREST IS GROWING!!! - SAD THIS HAS NOT BEEN CONSIDERED!!

TIM HORTON'S WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACCOMODATE ANYMORE INCREASE IN DEMAND.

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THE COST DOES NOT SUPPORT ANY IMPROVEMENT

NOR DOES IT INCREASE CAPACITY WHICH IS WHAT WEE NEED!!!

IF YOU DO THIS.....

THE LOSS IN VALUE TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS FROM A RESALE STANDPOINT WILL BE SUBSTANTIAL..

I CAN ONLY IMAGINE THE FALLOUT TO THE TOWN IF TIM HORTON'S MOVES AFTER THE DAMAGE IS DONE

NOT TO MENTIO, THIS DOESN'T INCREASE CAPACITY!!!!!

I CANNOT HELP BUT SHAKE MY HEAD THAT THIS WAS EVEN A CONSIDERATION

ABSOLUTELY REDICULOUS.

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Tammy Stevenson

From:

Sent: October 27, 2023 6:35 AM

То:

Tammy Stevenson

Subject: Tree removal in Mount Forest

Hello Tammy

My name is and I am coming to you to speak out against removal of 150 year old trees in Mount Forest.

I understand upgrade to infrastructure is needed to be made, but as these updates come, things like trees should not be sacrificed.

I am in my early thirties and own a historic building in the township that has held its historical integrity through the past 136 years standing.

This is only because of the private ownership and mindset of the people who have come to own this building. This building will become one of the most historically preserved buildings in Ontario- if it can make it the next 10 years without things being destroyed/renovated.

I moved to Wellington North three years ago, and I don't live in Mount Forest directly. I personally wouldn't ever move to Mount Forest, but something that has come out of my mouth while driving along the streets is my love for the beautiful historic tree lined streets.

And this is why I am speaking out, that is one of the biggest appeals to me about the town of MF, as someone who values towns keeping historical integrity.

What else does Mount Forest have to offer for honouring it's history..? It's even in the name.

Historical buildings downtown are being renovated, brick is being painted, windows filled in, historic homes purchased and made into Tri-plexus and Du Plexs.

Cheap renovations EVERYWHERE.

People have little to no care about what the town looks like. Everything here is about being as cheap as possible.

It's time to respect the trees that were here long before any of us, creating an environment and visual appeal we can never replace in our lifetime.

Yes I am a tree lover. I have 150 year old Maples planted by the school children, now ancestors to locals in the community... Along with an 80 year old Royal Oak that was sent down as a sapling from the Queen of England and planted in my yard.

History is not something that can just be replaced, once it's gone, it's gone.

I would also like to mention I have over 30 large trees lining my property front and back, on less the an acre. When I walk 500 meters to the new sub division on my street the climate is absolutely different.

The protection, shade, birds, pollinators and all the amazing things happening in my thriving yard is completely opposite to the barren land of the sub division.

Mount Forest needs to take action on evolving infrastructure but keeping the beauty and historical integrity of the town (what's left) Including historic tree lined streets.

I also recommend enforcing more trees to be planted by builders in their plans to develop Mount Forest. Following the same look as the historic streets downtown. This should be mandatory.

I will recommend my favourite book to read:

"The Hidden Life Of Trees" by Peter Wohlleben who is a German Forester and author.

I hope you can change your perspective on removal of historic trees in your community.

Tammy Stevenson

From: Karren Wallace

Sent: November 7, 2023 1:21 PM

To: Brooke Lambert; Tammy Stevenson

Cc: township

Subject: FW: MORE TREES BEING REMOVED IN MOUNT FOREST

FYI

Karren Wallace, Director Legislative Services/Clerk

Phone) 519-848-3620 ext 4227

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From:

Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 1:20 PM

To: township <township@wellington-north.com>

Subject: MORE TREES BEING REMOVED IN MOUNT FOREST

How many trees must be removed before Mount Forest has to be re-named?

I read with concern, the LETTER in the BizBull by Daphne Rappard, about the plan to remove trees in Mount Forest to accommodate Tim Horton's, and a sidewalk widening on Fergus St.

Please be advised that the Township does not have my permission to proceed with this plan.

We can and should do better.

I applaud the work of the GREEN TEAM on this, and ask that the Township reconsider.

Regards,

Resident of Mount Forest, and Proud of It



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-A turning lane will not solve our problem Just make things worse, instead 2

lants will be blocked off instead of 1.

- A lot of Kids on John St, this will make larger amounts of traffic. Making it unsafe for kids traveling to/from school tet.

-we don't allow any other food companyto Use the road as a drive through, foodland had to help with the cost and figure it out warmather themselves.

- there are bigger problems and more dangerous stis then John

(Scotia bank Corner, Main and King)

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Have the contractor do all the private water & sewer hook - ups, rather than giving a home-owner allowance, just make less hassle for every body.





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TWP. OF WELLINGTON NORTH

November 7, 2023

Township of Wellington North
To Whom It May Concern

Re: Trees on Colcleugh Avenue and Fergus Street

The beautiful 20th century homes that are located in Mount Forest owe much of their allurement to the mature trees which adorn the same property on which they sit. All people, tree lovers or not, are awe struck by the beauty a mature Sugar Maple exuberates when out in full leaf. Their benefits to providing shade and oxygen are known by all.

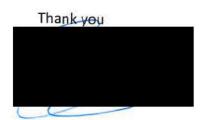
So what happens when we have to destroy these trees for safety or health reasons? Such is the case Mount Forest is currently facing. Fergus Street and Colcleugh Avenue are two streets in Mount Forest that are noted for their mature maples.....but they gotta go.

It seems wider sidewalks, replacement of antiquated water and sewer mains, curbs, gutters, storm water management all take precedence. It is highly doubted that beauty will ever override health and safety, and most probably in this case too, the same will apply.

What would be wrong if the town replaced the trees with a 4" min (100mm) diameter wire basketed Sugar Maples. Sugar Maples not Norway Maples are the nicest, this is common knowledge to any arborist. The trees should be no further apart then 20 feet.

It would be my opinion that, if in the name of progress, we must destroy these beautiful Sugar Maples, then in the name of humanity we replace them.

The home I grew up in at a second second is currently 165 years old give or take. Surely to goodness a 20th century home, if stripped of her original living companions, can have some living replacements move in that will be up to speed in 20 years or so.







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4. Additional Comments

Please see attached letter

Other concerns:

paving of boulevards

-pexpensive

-> environmentally unfriendly

city of Guelph has lots of suggestions for pollinator-friendly, salt tolerant perennial plants on their website under Boulevard gardens)

- Was a cost companison done between traditional construction vs. environmentally constions methods?

Thank you

Regarding proposed construction in Mount Forest:

I am part of the Mount Forest Green Team, a group of concerned citizens working towards protecting and enhancing our local environment and dedicated to keeping Mount Forest green. I recently attended the Township of Wellington North public information meeting, which included discussion on the proposed reconstruction of John St. from Queen St. W to Waterloo St. to allow for a left turn lane into Tim Hortons, as well as water/ sanitary sewer and sidewalk replacement on Fergus St. N (between Wellington St. E and Sligo Road).

I was appalled that about 45 municipal trees appear to be slated for removal, according to the engineering plans presented for these projects. Since June, the Green Team has been actively tabulating our town's drastically dwindling inventory of municipal trees, in an effort to create awareness of the threat to our local tree canopy that makes us Mount FOREST. We are collaborating on this inventory with the Township, and while we were grateful that the Green Team got a specific invitation to the public meeting, it was disappointing that our request to see the engineers' reports prior to the meeting was unable to be met. This was also a point raised by the numerous concerned residents of Fergus St N. More unfathomable was the fact there had been no consultation with a licensed arborist or environmental consultant before these engineering plans were created.

Many concerns were raised about the John St. project, including the idea that Tim Hortons should be required to take some responsibility for the need for better access, issues with residents' shrinking front yards and street access, as well as the loss of trees. On inspection, these trees, except one, could arguably be replaced with more appropriate street trees. The lone mature silver maple is an exemplary specimen of its species, totally outclassing the half dozen younger (non-native) Norway maples on either side of it. Alternative methods of construction (like tunneling) should be considered to preserve this fine tree.

When questioned why the Township should be responsible for improving traffic flow at Tim Hortons, it was explained that because all the appropriate procedures were followed at the time of construction, the Township is obligated to accommodate this need. I wonder though why, with the current property not being able to handle the increased volume of traffic, the solution wouldn't be to move the franchise to a bigger location, much like a family having to move to a bigger house after it has outgrown its starter home (without municipal assistance). It is unfortunate that arrangements weren't made to buy the property south of Tim's when it was for sale a few years ago, before a house was built there...

As for Fergus St. N, it would be an absolute travesty to lose the canopy of healthy sugar maples that are probably at least a hundred years old (but still have lots of life in them). In consultation with a number of the street's residents, these trees, as well as the younger, healthy Norway maples, are the reason WHY they bought their properties. Driving down the street, especially this time of year, it is the quintessential picture of why Mount Forest has a reputation far and wide for its beautiful tree-lined streets.

I understand that the building code demands that new sidewalks be 1500 mm (5') wide to allow two mobility devices to pass, and this makes sense on a busy thoroughfare. Sidewalk traffic on Fergus St. N however is extremely light and driveways allow people to pass if necessary. While perusing the Ontario Building Code re sidewalk construction, I discovered Section 80.31.5, listing exceptions to sidewalk width requirements, including when there is "significant risk that the requirements, or some of them, would adversely affect water, fish, wildlife, plants, invertebrates, species at risk, ecological integrity or natural heritage values, whether the adverse effects are direct or indirect." Are these majestic maples not plants, and is this not our natural heritage? Under this section it should be possible to widen the sidewalk to only 4' and, by possibly taking 1' off the road width, maintain the same location for the outside edge of the sidewalk, preserving the trees.

Alternatives exist for replacing necessary infrastructure with much less effect on tree roots, for example by torpedo tunneling the new infrastructure without removing all of the old. Residential hookups can be created at angles other than 90 degrees from the road; the technology exists; has anyone investigated its feasibility?

Circumstances have changed. In the face of the climate change crisis we cannot afford to continue doing construction as usual. You can't just make up for dozens of carbon capture heroes by 'replacing' them. I hope that we as a community recognize that change will only happen if we all stand up for what is important. You have an opportunity to act by sharing your concerns with the Township of Wellington North (written submission or email to township@wellington-north.com) before November 10, 2023.

I feel much more effort should be put into looking at more thoughtful ways of doing things. I wonder if this is what indigenous people may have felt like, when the land they stewarded wisely and sensitively for generations was zealously exploited by the colonists' conviction they were doing good.

In closing, I quote Wendell Berry,

"[T]he care of the earth is our most ancient and most worthy and, after all, our most pleasing responsibility. To cherish what remains of it and to foster its renewal, is our only legitimate hope."





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Please investigate other options to help preserve our beautiful town.

We hope that your realize the impact that this has on our environment!!



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4. Additional Comments el was shocked + saddlened to hear of the proposed removal of 45 100yr old trees on Fergus St + John St. in Mount Forest. In a time when climate change is front and center in the world, how is it possible that this is even a consideration? the hard to believe such a proposal was put forth without any guidance by either a qualified environmental consultant or arborist. Mindlessly remaring these trees and replacing them with saplings is laughable. How many saplings would it take to do the job of sust one of these giants? as stated in this months Biz Bull, atternatives do exist for replacing necessary infrastructure that could change the outcome of this project. The proposal for a left turn lane into Tim Hortons from John St. is ridiculous, if there ient enough room for this very prosperous business to sperate, it should more to a more business to sperate, it should make to a smore suitable location. why are tax payers left paying for this and why are considerations being made to modify headways + remove frees for this business? It doesn't make any sende. I couldn't help but notice the Wellington North logo, "Semper Porro! This translates to "Always Forward; and for from describes the actions these proposals are suggesting. This is very disheartening.



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I understand many trees are going to be cut down. There should be other ways to do the j'ob without removale of trees, Trees gives as so many reasons to stay alive for Humans and wild life. Shade, wild life tromes, air we breath, wind to stay cool, shade for streets and joy of colours in the fall and winter. If the life span for the trees are done that can't be tresped however, if they have life in them. They should keep living, Restandere is important But at what cost. No "forest" to our town? one or two I could need to be removed But the amount that would be removed is a large amound. Side walks are important however 54+ ones? Guess we should rethink.



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Is this going to start a precedent
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If they are cutting down so many
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-Making a turning lane in the center of the road will not fix the drive thru issue. Will cause more problems. Now on weekends instead of rigs and other traffic having issues of getting around the drive thru traffic on Queen Street. They are going to have issues of getting around the turning lane traffic plus the other traffic that can't get onto John Street because turning lane traffic will be blocking 2 lanes now.

- -Would be better to make it a one way street and put the turning lane closest to Timmy and the other lane could be through traffic. Less near misses, accidents, and fights.
- -Or change the direction of the one lane road so everyone comes from Waterloo street This would allow 2 blocks of traffic not half a street
- -Why are we allowing Timmy to use our roads as a drive thru. No other municipality does.
- -This is a Timmy problems. We made Foodland figure out their issue why are we not making Timmy. If they can't figure it out then the drive thru should be closed. Town should not suffer because of one business.
- -ls Timmy being held responsible for any of the issue. Are they paying for any of these expenses.
- -New sewers are being put in. What if a homeowner can't afford that expense. In this day and age times are tough as it is without an added expense.
- -You are taking 3 ft from everyones front lawns. Why not take 1.5 from both sides of the road. Might be able to save more trees this way.
- -Some people are losing their complete front lawn. And will step right off there front step onto side walk. This is already a highly crime street. With losing that 3 feet you are now putting the criminals closer to homeowners front doors.
- -By taking the 3 feet some people will have no place to park on their own property. How are you going to address this. Is Timmy going to allow these people to park at their facility. Or can they park in your driveway.
- -The center turning lane is only getting about 2 more cars in the lane as opposed to what is already there at the side of the road. So not really a fix!
- -If the town wants to help Timmy fix the problem then they should buy the abandon eye sore on the corner of Hwy 6 & 89. And put the drive thru through there. Would solve two problems. The Timmy traffic and how uninviting that building makes our town look. Plus then we could also save our trees.
- -Maybe a second location is the solution like Arthur did.
- We are just putting a bandaid on the problem what are we going to do in 3 yrs when we have more people in Mount Forest and the problem is that much bigger. Lets not put a bandaid on the problem and fix it for good. Turning lane is not the bigger solution.





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Hello,

I do not live on John Street but I use it daily. I also use this Tim Hortons location many times throughout the day. But if this turning lane goes through I will no longer be using this location. Adding the turning lane is going to make this area dangerous to not only the homeowners on this street but also the traffic. Walkers and drivers included. Everytime I am on this street I see many children. I worry about them and the extra lane of traffics. I also worry about how much more hectic it will be for homeowners getting in and out of their driveways. I also worry about all the beautiful trees we are going to lose for one business. If we make this a one way street and we have it coming from Waterloo street and exiting out on Queen Street, then we have 2 blocks where the traffic can line up unlike current where we have enough for 4 cars. Yes I understand that the turning lane would possibly add 2 more spaces. I think also their would be room for homeowners to back out of their driveways. Beside the Tim Hortons traffic. If we keep it to 2 lanes.

I think we should just force Tim Hortons to move as this is not a good location. Maybe many years ago when they first came it was. But with everything moving to the other end of town. I think in the near future they will see it is not any more.

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- 1)Timmy does not own the land. They lease this land. So at any point their lease could be up. So we are upsetting people who pay land taxes to help people that don't pay land taxes.
- 2) Close off John Street entrance and make them use their own property3) Close down the drive thru
- 4) Make Timmy figure out their own problem like we did to Foodland. Is this not favourtism?



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A)Make John Street a one way street. This will cut out many near misses from cars going both ways. Will also end alot of fights. As who's turn it actually is next in line

- B) Has a road study been done of this street. And by road study I mean on a long weekend in the summer. Not a raoad study done in the middle of the week.
- C) Sobey's is paying over 50% of the road way, why does Tim Horton's not get the same treatment
- D) Center lane will cause more issues for traffic on the highway
- E) This is a Tim Hortons problem not a tax payers problem
- F) Close John Street Entry. Make Tim Hortons update their parking lot so it is more efficient
- G)Tim Hortons need to keep their traffic on their property

Tammy Stevenson

From: Brianna Gordon

Sent: November 20, 2023 4:16 PM

To: Tammy Stevenson

Subject: FW: re. letter from Dr Daphne Rappard re. protection of trees in Mount Forest

Attachments: Mount Forest Green Team letter to BizBull.docx

FYI

From:

Sent: Monday, November 20, 2023 4:13 PM **To:** township < township@wellington-north.com>

Subject: re. letter from Dr Daphne Rappard re. protection of trees in Mount Forest

Re. Township Meeting 20 November 2023

Citizens concerns regarding respect for trees:

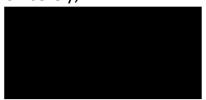
I became aware of this critical issue only yesterday and was shocked to hear of the lack of respect for existing trees within the town of Mount Forest. Moreover, the sad choice between the width of a sidewalk as opposed to the preservation of a tree, and worse still to even contemplate the removal of a large number of healthy maples. The health of human beings is dependent on many things, one being to be given the opportunity of enjoying beauty, especially for a child who can gaze at a magnificent tree. Added to this, environmentally trees surrounding houses provide protection against excessive heat and cold.

The standard response, when a citizen objects to the felling of a tree is "Oh, we will will replace it."

However, I have yet to hear how one can replace a tree that is a hundred years old.

Please, for the sake of the present generation, and the next, give very serious consideration to Dr Rappard's letter.

Sincerely,



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