

Safety upgrades for Highway 7

Numerous accidents and repeated safety complaints from area residents and the Town convinced the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to proceed with traffic safety upgrades east of Acton on Highway 7 at Coles Court and

the Fourth Line this summer. At Highway 7 and Fourth Line, intersection improvements will include construction of left turn lanes for traffic turning off of Highway 7. That will require roadway widening and the

replacement of four culverts. As well, the existing lighting – two lights on wooden poles – will be upgraded to MTO standards with four new poles and lights.

At Coles Court, the MTO will construct a right-turn

taper for westbound traffic – not quite a turning lane, but an expanded highway width that will allow motorists to move out of the westbound lane on Highway 7 to make the turn at Coles Court which will “increase the level of

safety” according to Chris Mills, the Town’s Manager of Engineering Design and Development who added, “this is good news.”

Along with the turning lanes, the posted speed limit in the area will be reduced to

60-km/h from the current 80-km/h. Construction is slated to begin in August and be complete by October. The cost, paid by the MTO is \$788,000. During construction, traffic will not be detoured, but controlled by flagmen.



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NATURE'S BOUNTY: Fresh locally-grown vegetables and fruits were in abundance at the first Acton Farmers' Market of the season last Thursday afternoon on Willow Street. Bert Nowak of Theresa's Garden Centre in Milton offered a cornucopia of healthy food. – Traci Gardner photo

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