

# One-way Fellows Street plan raises safety concerns with Acton councillors

In order to safely accommodate turning GO Buses, Town councillors approved a GO Transit (Metrolinx) request to convert Fellows Street to a one-way road southbound, and to move the existing GO Bus stop from the north side of Mill Street at Fellows, to the east side of Eastern Avenue, south of Mill Street East.

In a report to council, staff said the original GO Transit proposal included a bus route that used Queen Street to Eastern Avenue, but due to sharp curve at Queen Street and Eastern the west-bound left-turn movement is prohibited. GO Transit asked for relief from the Town's Uniform Traffic Bylaw so 12 daily busses travelling westbound can turn from Queen Street onto Eastern Avenue.

Fellows Street was identified as the preferred turning point from Mill Street, but Fellows is too narrow for a GO Bus to safely manoeuvre if there is a vehicle parked in the northbound direction lane at Mill Street and the Fellows Street intersection. That means Fellows Street must be transitioned to a one-way street, a move that several Acton councillors feel is not safe

including Regional/Acton Councillor Clark Somerville wanted assurance that the stop at Frederick and Church Streets will remain – it will. He also asked if there are plans to turn the pedestrian school crossing into a full cross-over and was told the vehicle numbers don't warrant it.

Acton Councillor Jon Hurst wanted to know the changes were being made, and Matt Roj, the Town's traffic Co-ordinator said the current GO Bus stop on Mill Street is not fully

accessible.

Acton Councillor Mike O'Leary said it makes no sense to change the route to make "four left turns with a big GO Bus." "I can't understand how that is a safer option," he said. Roj said studies show it is safer to have passengers loaded on Eastern Avenue, than have them cross Mill Street from the GO station.

Chris Mills, the Town's Director of Infrastructure Services and Town Engineer said staff and GO safety experts had

to weigh and balance the safety of the GO Bus accessibility and of having commuters cross Mill Street to get to the bus stop, and the concur with GO about the safest location for the bus stop.

Staff said officials at the Acton Medical Centre and childcare centre have no objections to the change, but property owners at both 148 and 149 Church St. East are opposed to the plan, based on concerns about potential safety and noise issues associated with the re-

routing of the westbound GO Transit buses through Fellows Street. Staff said the conversion of Fellows to one-way southbound traffic will have minimal impact on local residents and vehicular traffic and is needed to facilitate a new bus stop adjacent to the

Acton GO Station.

The conversion of Fellows Street to one-way will be implemented once GO Transit finalizes property matters with the Town and the Hide House concerning the Town-owned parking lot next to the GO Station.



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