

Guelph Line under assessment: design plans delayed

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applauded the plans for sidewalks, and better signage to designate the community of Brookville but admitted he had a few concerns of his own for the ability of his customers to access his gallery during the time of reconstruction.

"I know it's a good idea to make it more obviously a town, and to indicate that no driver should come into a town driving 120 miles an hour," explained Mr. Casson. "My concern is that there's no support for the businesses that operate

on road traffic when they rip up the roads. I think that there is a concern that they can come in and do this and have no support or compensation for the businesses."

Jay Kitching, a local farmer, reminded the consulting staff Guelph Line is also used by slower moving farm vehicles. He outlined the need to control the height of the curbs installed so they don't prohibit these farm vehicles from pulling to the side of the road to allow faster moving traffic to pass.

Other concerns voiced during

the meeting involved the large volume of transport truck traffic that uses this arterial road, the provincially designated wetland north of Brookville Public School, and issues of water quality and quantity throughout the reconstruction process.

Mr. Horton emphatically put to rest concerns raised about the possible widening to Guelph Line in this area.

"There's no need for widening to four lanes. We looked at it as an alternative and we've dismissed it."

Public input into this Environmental Assessment Study is encouraged and can be directed to Matt Krusto, Project Manager at the Region, 905-825-6161, ext 7225, or Jim Horton, iTRANS Consulting, 1-888-860-1116, ext. 248.

This first public meeting presented to the public the existing conditions, problems and an evaluation of the planning alternatives. A second meeting, to take place in February, will present the evaluation and recommended preferred design.

"We're looking at planning things, keeping you informed, and identifying issues at this point," Mr. Horton said.

Councillor Lee reminded those gathered that this was only the first step of a process that will go on until the proposed reconstruction in the summer of 2004.

"This is the Environmental Assessment process," said Councillor Lee. "Then we get into the design stage. That's when you'll see what's being proposed and have input into the design."




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