

Speed, Traffic, Safety - major concerns on Guelph Line

by Paula Gomes

When the "under construction" signs appear, Brookville parents are hoping to ensure the short-term inconvenience will be beneficial in the long run.

About 40 to 50 concerned residents attended a second public information meeting regarding the 2004 reconstruction of Guelph Line, between 15 Side Road and 20 Side Road, held on Tuesday, February 26, 2002 at the Nassagaweya Community Centre.

Its purpose was three-fold: to describe the work on the study which had been done to date; to present the preferred design choice for the improvements; and to obtain input from the public.

Although there are drainage and pavement problems with Guelph Line in the study area, vehicular speed, the amount of traffic through Brookville and potential safety issues, particularly around Brookville Public School, were the main concerns.

Many community members feel there's a need for traffic lights at 20 Side Road.

According to iTRANS Consulting, the intersection did not meet the criteria for recommendation of a traffic light.

iTRANS is recommending the road be widened and proper shoulders be created in the rural area to help alleviate some of the traffic problems. They are also proposing a left hand turn lane be added on Guelph Line at 20 Side Road.

A discussion ensued about the use of 20 Side Road as an alternate to the 401, especially when there are accidents or slow-downs. If a traffic study were done during one of these times, the results might be very different.

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There is nothing in Campbellville to promote family living. We have drunks and gamblers to the North (I know because I have them trying to break into my house and cars every so often). Finally, a step forward as the "massage parlour" to the south has apparently closed down, so there's some progress. I've seen the change over 13 years and Campbellville is nothing more than a highway thoroughfare for speeding cars and trucks.

So, after my points are made, I'm glad everyone is getting their new fire-hall. I'm sure it will be a fantastic facility and it's obviously a good idea to house the emergency forces together ... but it's not all roses from where I am looking.

Sincerely,
Bo Davey

ferent.

Jim Horton, of iTRANS, suggested the public put their comments forward for consideration and they would be reviewed.

"It is well known that 20th Side Road is a northern corridor used as an alternate to the 401," said Regional Councillor Barry Lee.

He suggested iTRANS put more effort into reviewing this intersection, specifically at times of congestion on the 401.

A comment was also made that the study conducted on the intersection at 15 Side Road and Guelph Line initially did not show a light was warranted. However, the community pushed for it, and there is now a light at that intersection.

Traffic at Brookville Public School, especially during bus times, is a major concern. iTRANS met with Halton District School Board

representatives on Thursday, February 21 to discuss the concerns.

Brookville Principal Rick Nodwell identified parking for parents, and allowances for student drop-off and pick-up as a concern that he is addressing with the board. Although it is not part of the study, Mr. Nodwell did state that he is working with the School Board to get an overflow parking area identified at the school.

"I have identified this as a priority to both the (Nassagaweya Community) School Council and the Halton District School Board," Mr. Nodwell said. "But it has to go through the School Board's Capital Improvement Project."

The discussion about traffic at the school also turned to the issue of speed. Matt Krusto, from Halton Region, said the Region has an annual review process in place for

addressing issues related to Speed Limits.

Guelph Line between 15 Side Road and 20 Side Road, particularly in the area of the school, is already scheduled to be reviewed this year. The study will look at the operating versus posted speeds in the area, as well as the number of high-speed collisions.

After a recommendation made a year ago, this area is already one of the most enforced areas for speed in the region. The proposal suggests demarcating the Brookville area with low profile curbs, sidewalks and a Brookville sign. It is hoped this would help drivers identify that they are entering a community area and need to slow down.

Suggestions were made to set a very low speed limit in the immediate area of the school, and to install flashing lights to designate the

school area. Many concerns were raised regarding the buses turning onto Guelph Line, particularly during busier traffic times.

The meeting closed with Mr. Horton encouraging the public to fill out the public comment sheet that was available and returning it to the Region within the next week.

The next phase in the Class Environmental Assessment process will be to document the findings in an Environmental Study Report. It will be presented to the Region for approval, with 30 days provided for public input and comment. Once the report is approved, the plans will be finalized, with construction planned for 2004.

Complete details of the Class Environmental Assessment Study and the information sessions can be found at the Region of Halton's web site, www.region.halton.on.ca.



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Drumquin Park Master Plan

The Town of Milton is preparing a Master Plan for Drumquin Park to provide a framework for future improvements to the park. The Town has retained landscape architect consultants to assist with the park planning.

The project team has now prepared a final Master Plan for the park based on initial public input and technical review of the parks. Public input is a key component of the project and we are asking you to join us in reviewing the Master Plan and providing comments.

We have scheduled an open house for:

Wednesday, April 10, 2002
Hugh Foster Hall
43 Brown Street
5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Information panels will be on display from 5:30 until 8:30 p.m. A presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m. followed by questions and comments. Please feel free to drop in at any time.

We value your input and hope that you can join us.

Should you require additional information or are unable to attend and wish to comment, please call (905) 878-7252 ext. 2169.

Jeff Fraser, Project Manager, Parks
Community Services Department

Notice of Temporary Road Closure and Reconstruction

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 300 of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter M.45, as amended, that the Council of the Town of Milton, at its meeting to be held in Town Hall, 43 Brown Street, on April 22, 2002, beginning at 7:30 PM will consider the passing of by-laws for the temporary closing and reconstruction of:

FIRST LINE FROM STEELES AVE TO NO. 5 SIDEROAD
(July 2, 2002 to September 6, 2002)

Plans detailing these projects are available for viewing during normal business hours at Town Hall, 43 Brown Street, Community Services Department.

Council will hear, in person, or by their counsel, any person who claims that their lands will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws, and who applies to be heard. Persons wishing to be heard should notify the Town Clerk in writing, no later than Wednesday, April 17, 2002.

Any inquiries should be directed to the following:

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The Town of Milton is now accepting applications for the
2002 MILTON COMMUNITY FUND
established to distribute a portion of the funds received from the Ontario Lottery Corporation.

Plan to attend an Information Session to find out more about this funding opportunity.

Thursday, April 4, 7:00 p.m.

Milton Seniors' Activity Centre, 500 Childs Drive

Agenda:

- Criteria for funding
- Changes for this year's program
- Helpful tips for completing your proposal
- Question period

Please RSVP to: Joy Anderson at 905-702-3143

Application packages will be available at the Information Session.

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