

Due to the long weekend, Tuesday's Champion will go to press this evening.

Councillors facing truck route dilemma

By FANNIE SUNSHINE

The Champion

If the Town implements a 'no-truck designation' near First Line and No. 30 Sideroad, it may cause problems for local haulers, a town councillor said.

"The problems out there are primarily tractor-trailers passing Guelph," Councillor Barry Lee said at Monday's community services committee meeting.

"I see a problem with local owners and contractors who will try to travel that way. There must be some way of accommodating them but we still have to avoid that area turning into a truck by-pass for Guelph."

Staff recommended a 'no-truck designation' be applied to No. 30 Sideroad west of First Line and at First Line north of No. 30 Sideroad.

Late last year, staff conducted a vehicle classification study on First Line north of No. 30 Sideroad. The study showed an average of 115 trucks per day travelling in that area.

Roads unsuitable for tractor-trailers

Although the number of trucks may appear to be low compared to other roads, staff concluded the geometrics of the roads make them unsuitable for tractor-trailer vehicles.

Advance signage within Wellington County will be provided indicating an alternative truck route.

The alternate route would be located at Arkell and Watson roads for eastbound traffic and County Road 29 and Hwy. 7 for southbound traffic.

Phil Antoniow, co-ordinator of engineering and transit for the Town, said it would be difficult to permit exemptions for certain vehicles.

"We would be showing favouritism for different individuals," he said.

Mr. Lee argued the Town has to find a way to be sensitive to people who use trucks to service the town.

"We have to find a way to accommodate local business people," he said.

"There's going to be serious accidents involving those tractors. We have to try to separate (classify) tractor trailers from non-tractor trailers."

Mayor Gord Krantz said he's been aware for some time of the safety issues involving tractor-trailers and inadequate roads.

"They (truck drivers) have every right to be in that area if they have a reason to be, not just for passing through."

The routing of Town trucks can be controlled, added Jennifer Reynolds, the Town's director of community services.

Mr. Lee said he didn't have the answer but knew local residents would be penalized due to the designation.

"I'm in favour of getting tractor-trailers off the road," he said.

"But some of the local smaller haulers will be affected by this (designation)."

Staff will report back to council in six months after completing a study to assess the size of trucks and the small haulers that use that specific area.

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Request for Bids

Tree Removal, 01-062-Q – no fee
2001 Sidewalk Program, 01-075-T

Sealed Bids on forms supplied by the Town of Milton will be received by the Corporate Services Department until 11:00 am local time on:

TREE REMOVAL, 01-062-Q, MAY 30, 2001
2001 SIDEWALK PROGRAM, 01-075-T, JUNE 6, 2001

Specifications and forms may be obtained at the Town Hall, 43 Brown Street, Milton, Ontario, Corporate Services Department, Second floor, during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There is a bid document fee of: \$26.00 (\$24.30 + \$1.70 GST). Payment can be made with cash, cheque, Interac or Visa/Mastercard.

Any inquiries regarding this tender may be directed to the Corporate Services Department, at (905) 875-5404. If you would prefer that this bid be couriered to you please complete the Request for Bid Document form on the Town's website: www.town.milton.on.ca. Plan takers and current and upcoming bids are also posted on the web site.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

CREW PERSON II

The Community Services Department requires 3 Fulltime Crew Person II positions, reporting directly to the Operations Crew Supervisors. As a member of the Operations team, you will ensure that proper safety procedures are followed, perform manual labour requiring lifting over 60 lbs, and operate a variety of equipment.

Qualifications include:

- Grade 12 Diploma
- Possession of a valid DZ Driver's Licence
- Mechanical aptitude and knowledge of the Occupational Health and Safety Act
- 2 years previous experience in a municipal environment involving parks/horticultural maintenance and roads maintenance is preferred.

Interested applicants should submit a resume by May 30, 2001 to: Coordinator, Human Resources, Town of Milton, 43 Brown St., Milton, Ont. L9T 4H2 or by fax to (905) 878-4231.

You may check our website for this and other employment opportunities at www.town.milton.on.ca

In accordance with the Freedom of Information and Privacy Legislation, applicant information is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act and will be used strictly for candidate selection. While we appreciate all applications received, only those invited for an interview will be contacted.



The Town of Milton is in the process of finalizing the **Trails Master Plan**. Prior to completion of the final report and routing plans, the Town of Milton and their consultants, Marshall Macklin Monaghan, request your attendance at an Open House.

The purpose of the Open House is to obtain feedback from the public on the draft routing plans and the Trails recommendations. Based on the approved recommendations, the first stage of Trails implementation will begin this summer.

The Open House will be held on:

Thursday, May 24, 2001
Lions Hall @ Memorial Arena
77 Thompson Road
5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Various panels with background information and routing plans will be on display. The consultants will provide an overview of their findings to date. There will be opportunities for feedback at the same time.

We value your input and hope that you can join us. Please contact Ken McAlpine at 878-7252 ext.2160 for further information.

The Town of Milton is in the process of finalizing the **Central Business District Streetscape Study**. Prior to completing the report and concept design recommendations, the Town of Milton and their consultants, Architects Alliance, request your attendance at an Open House.

The purpose of the Open House is to solicit feedback on design concept drawings for the Main street corridor, between Bronte St. and Thompson Road.

The Open House will be held on:

Tuesday, May 22, 2001
Lions Hall @ Memorial Arena
77 Thompson Road
4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Various panels with background information will be on display at the open house. The consultants will provide an overview of their findings to date. There will be opportunities for feedback at the same time.

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