



The Corporation of the Town of Milton

Report To: Council

From: Barbara Koopmans, Commissioner, Development Services

Date: August 23, 2021

Report No: DS-066-21

Subject: City of Hamilton Truck Route Master Plan

Recommendation: THAT Council objects to the use of Milborough Line between Derry Road and 11th Concession East as a designated truck route;

AND THAT a copy of DS-066-21 entitled City of Hamilton Truck Master Plan be forwarded to the City of Hamilton and the Region of Halton.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Hamilton is in the process of conducting a Truck Route Master Plan review. Milborough Line is one of the alternatives being considered through the Class Environmental Assessment. Due to the poor road geometrics, safety concerns and environmental considerations, among other matters, Infrastructure staff does not support the use of Milborough Line between Derry Road and 11th Concession East as a designated truck route.

REPORT

Background

The City of Hamilton has been conducting the Truck Route Master Plan (TRMP) review. The study is exploring opportunities to advance the safe and efficient passage of trucks in Hamilton, to support economic activities and the movement of goods while balancing the needs of residents and communities. The master plan will recommend an updated truck route network and will outline supporting policies and strategies.

On June 9, 2021 the City of Hamilton held a second Truck Route Master Plan ("TRMP") Update - Adjacent Municipalities and MTO Stakeholder Meeting. At this meeting a DRAFT truck route plan was presented which involves the use of Milborough Line

Background

between Derry Road and 11th Concession East. This section of Milborough Line is a boundary road between the City of Hamilton and the Town of Milton.

This study is being conducted in accordance with the requirements of Phases 1 and 2 of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, which is an approved process under the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*.

Discussion

After the above meeting took place on June 9, 2021, residents in the area of Milborough Line were delivered a notice to participate in Virtual Public Information Centre #2 on June 24, 2021 (Appendix I). Between June 17 - July 9, 2021 information related to the TRMP was available for review by residents on the City of Hamilton's project web page: <https://engage.hamilton.ca/TRMP>.

After this notice was delivered, the Town began to receive a number of emails directly from residents and through members of Council objecting to the use of Milborough Line between Derry Road and 11th Concession.

Town of Milton - Traffic Engineering staff has reviewed the information provided by the City of Hamilton and subsequently submitted the following questions and comments to the City of Hamilton objecting to the use of Milborough Line.

- Please provide rationale to confirm why this specific segment has been added to the Truck Route Plan. What has changed since the 2010 Hamilton Truck Master Plan that is driving the need to add Milborough Line to this link?;
- Milborough Line between Derry Road and 11th Concession East is a boundary road shared by the City of Hamilton and the Town of Milton. Any modifications to this road must conform to the current Boundary Road Agreement. These boundary road agreements usually exclude capital improvements. Capital improvements are negotiated amongst the municipalities. In this case if Milton has no interest in improving the road then any capital improvements should be fully funded by the City of Hamilton;
- Milborough Line is a 6m wide road which is not suitable for truck traffic. There are no shoulders on this roadway, however there are a number of blind spots, hidden driveways and sharp curves;
- Milborough Line is lined with a number of large trees;

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- There is also a grade-level crossing of the CN Railroad with only flashing light warnings, however no gates;
- Milborough Line between Carlisle Road and Derry Road is subject to a seasonal (Mar 1 - Apr 30) reduced load truck;
- Has the Environmental Study Report (ESR) for this initiative been filed with Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)? If so please provide the date of filing.

The City of Hamilton has acknowledged that they have received a number of comments from local residents stating their objection to the use of Milborough Line.

The City of Hamilton has indicated that the DRAFT recommended truck route network is subject to change based on the feedback received and further technical analysis. Public and stakeholder feedback is an integral part of this study and will inform the steps path forward. Any comments that the Town or local residents have submitted will be taken into consideration during the process of coming up with a preferred alternative.

If the Town's and residents' concerns are not heeded, when the Environmental Study Report is filed with the Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks, the Town can request the Minister for a Part II order, along with our stated objection.

A Part II order can be requested when it is felt that significant outstanding issues have not been addressed through a class environmental assessment process and could be better addressed through an individual environmental assessment process. An individual environmental assessment process provides a higher level of assessment. Anyone can request a Part II order.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact associated with this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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Commissioner, Development Services



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Attachments

CAO Approval
Andrew M. Siltala
Chief Administrative Officer

Hamilton Truck Route Master Plan Review Notice of Virtual Public Information Centre #2

The City of Hamilton has been conducting the Truck Route Master Plan review. The study is exploring opportunities to advance the safe and efficient passage of trucks in Hamilton, to support economic activities and the movement of goods while balancing the needs of residents and communities. The master plan will recommend an updated truck route network and will outline supporting policies and strategies.

We encourage you to visit the project webpage at www.engage.hamilton.ca/TRMP to learn the latest information about the study. The study is being conducted in accordance with the requirements of Phases 1 and 2 of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, which is an approved process under the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*.

Invitation to Public Information Centre #2

You are invited to attend Public Information Centre (PIC) #2. This event will be held virtually to protect the health and safety of Hamilton residents and our staff. Individuals are invited to participate **online** or **by phone**.



Truck Route Master Plan Review Virtual Public Information Centre #2

Virtual meeting on June 24, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Materials available from Friday, June 17 to Friday, July 9, 2021

The PIC will update you on the study, and get your input on the draft recommended truck route network.

How to Participate

 Review PIC #2 Materials Anytime	 Join the Virtual PIC #2 Meeting
<p>Visit the project website to view the PIC #2 materials from June 17 to July 9. You will be invited to provide online questions and comments. Materials are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week</p> <p>The project website is www.engage.hamilton.ca/TRMP.</p>	<p>There will be a live Public Information Centre event held on June 24, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Project Team will provide a presentation and will answer your questions.</p> <p>Visit our website to register for PIC #2 and to submit your questions in advance at: www.engage.hamilton.ca/TRMP</p>

If you have any questions or comments about the study or would like to be added to the project mailing list, please contact the staff listed below.

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Do you have any accessibility requirements in order to be able to review the PIC material and comment on the TRMP? Contact Omar Shams as soon as possible

Information will be collected in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.