

August 16, 2020

To: Transportation Advisory Committee Members

CC: Town Staff

From: John White, Citizen Appointment to Transportation Advisory Committee

Subject: Suggested Motions for Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday August 18th

Colleagues

Taking into account issues brought to my attention by citizens, my own experience and the community commentary on social media there are a few points outlined below on which I suggest this Committee discuss and pass motions for Town Council to enact, directing and enabling Town Staff to take action.

Item 1. Sight Lines at Georgian Trail road intersections for both Georgian Trail and Vehicular Roadway Users

In many places the trail emerges from the bush with little time for either party to see each other. The possibility of an incident is real and we should advocate for steps to improve the situation. I believe that all the areas in which brush would be cut down and sight lines improved is either owned by the Municipality or County already and or under our management such that this action would not be an encroachment on private property.

“The Transportation Committee recommends that Council direct Town Staff, to maximize the visibility of the sight lines from the perspective of both on trail and vehicular road conveyance at any point where the Georgian Trail and a Road or Driveway intersect, and

That where the Georgian Train intersects with a Town Road, that Council consider adding crossing control devices to the 2021 budget, and

That where the Georgian Train intersects with a County Road, that Council request County Council to consider adding crossing control devices to the 2021 County Budget, and

That where the Georgian Trail intersects with a Provincial controlled highway or road, that Council requests the Province to consider adding proper vehicular and

cyclist and pedestrian safety control measures including the consideration of proper crossing control devices and / or vehicular speed control devices”

Item 2. Construction and Contractor Vehicle Parking outside Project Sites on assumed Town Streets.

This problem has been growing over the years and the Town has taken few if any steps to ensure residents on assumed Town Streets have an expectation of clear vehicular access to their properties by themselves, their visitors, delivery services and emergency vehicles. Earlier this summer the Town passed for many areas the first parking bylaws prohibiting and or limiting on street parking on assumed Town roads. Just because a property is under development it does not mean that the owner of the land under development has obtained the right to park an abundance of vehicles on the street constricting the free and safe movement of traffic, cyclists and pedestrians on a regular and often continuous basis day and night for periods up to and exceeding a year.

There are many legitimate reasons why street parking may be required but a mechanism needs to be put in place to limit and control these occurrences.

“The Transportation Committee recommends that Council direct Town Staff to

Report back to either Council or the Transportation Advisory Committee of Council on measures to be considered to limit or regulate construction vehicle use of assumed residential roads in the Town and that this report be provided by the end of November 2020, and

Report back to Council or the Transportation Advisory Committee of Council on measures that can be implemented in short order to limit and or regulate construction vehicle use of assumed residential roads in the Town so that pedestrians, cyclists, passenger, commercial and emergency vehicles can safely and freely pass.

And that the intention of these clear and safe passage and traffic control measures would, as soon as possible, be the inclusion of a section in each building permit and / or development agreement detailing the management of construction traffic for the specific site.”

END, John White