



TO: ATTENDEES
SUBJECT: MINUTES OF WARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 14TH, 2021

Meeting began at 6:00pm - Councillors Russell and Rintjema advised that the meeting would be conducted with an open-agenda format and participants are free to raise their hands to ask questions.

1. Traffic Congestion (Particularly Ontario Street)

Question:

A resident inquired as to how and if the Town is taking into consideration proposed development and its impact on traffic flow particularly with regard to the proposed developments on and around Ontario Street and the proposed apartment buildings at the northeast corner of Ontario Street and Greenlane Road.

Response from Staff (Director of Public Works David Graham):

- The Town is currently working with The Regional Municipality of Niagara (The Region) collaboratively on modelling and Master Plan work which involves both Ontario Street and Greenlane Road and takes into consideration proposed/approved development and will include measures affecting traffic flow/traffic calming etc.
- The Proposed Beamsville Bartlett Truck Bypass Route:

URL for Town of Lincoln Report

<https://pub-lincoln.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=10208>.

URL for Consultant Report:

<https://pub-lincoln.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=10209/>

The plan to direct certain truck traffic along alternate routes in Lincoln is expected to help ease traffic congestion on Ontario Street – Trucks will be encouraged, through various means to turn easterly onto King Street from northbound Mountain Street, – and truck traffic travelling from the Vineland direction will be encouraged to turn north on Bartlett Road Beamsville rather than travelling through to Ontario Street.

Response from Staff (Manager of Special Projects Melissa Shi):

- Traffic studies are requested for proposed developments and developers are required, through Development Charges, to pay for growth related infrastructure needs.

2. Permissible Height for Apartment Buildings

Question:

A resident inquired about their understanding that there are 2 X 18 story towers proposed for the Prudhomme's Development.

Response from Staff (Manager of Special Projects Melissa Shi):

- The Town of Lincoln Official Plan limits apartment buildings in that area to 15 stories but there are policies within the Official Plan, supported by provincial policy, that allow for increased density in return for community benefits.

3. Traffic on Central Avenue Beamsville

Question:

A resident expressed concerns particularly about northbound traffic along Central Ave as people choose that route when travelling northerly from King Street so as to avoid the busier route (Ontario Street). Would it help to reverse the one-way section so that traffic flows southerly as opposed to northerly? Concerns were expressed related to the fact that there is a school on Central Ave and a lot of traffic already, related to the school hours. The resident expressed concern that there has been an increase in traffic, and it is likely that as more development occurs, traffic will increase, and this in turn will increase traffic on Central Ave.

Response from Staff (Director of Public Works David Graham):

- Staff took notes related to the nature of the concern and time of day that traffic is most often a concern. Staff thanked the resident for the information and undertook to review and take this into consideration.

4. Proposed Beamsville Bartlett Truck Bypass Route

Question:

How will The Town invest in Bartlett Street Beamsville to accommodate the proposal to re-route certain truck traffic to Bartlett Street?

Response from Staff (Director of Public Works David Graham):

- It is proposed that Bartlett Road will be reconstructed to an Urban Standard, incorporating traffic calming measures. (See also link above to Town of Lincoln Report PW-32-21).

5. New existing crossing on Cedarbrook by St. Volodymyr Park

Question:

Some drivers are not respecting the rules of the new crossing at Ivy Gardens and Cedarbrook. What can be done?

Response from Staff (Director of Public Works David Graham):

- Public Works will request increased enforcement and consider ways to raise awareness of rules related to the crossing.

Question:

There are other areas along Cedarbrook where children and adults cross regularly (at the curve north of the park) and with the upcoming completion of the apartments on Greenlane at Cedarbrook, traffic will increase.

Response from Staff (Director of Public Works David Graham):

- Staff will review and look at options for possible new crosswalk.

6. Naming Streets

Question:

How do streets get named? Who chooses?

Response from Staff:

Currently the Town does not have a formal written policy. The Fire Department reviews the names of proposed streets in order to prevent confusion in nomenclature which could potentially cause delays in emergency responses. Generally, the criteria applied are as follows:

1. No duplication of a street name anywhere within the municipality. (e.g., Chestnut Street and Chestnut Court)
2. No sound alike/similar sounding names (e.g., Links Road and Lynx Road)
3. No names with unusual spellings (e.g., Queene Street instead of Queen Street)
4. No re-use of former or discontinued street names
5. No discriminatory or derogatory names, or words spelled similarly to such a name
6. No names with difficult or unusual pronunciations

7. No punctuation or special characters (e.g., apostrophes, dashes, hyphens, ampersands, etc.)
8. Where there is an existing street, any continuation or extension of that street should have the same name.
9. Where a street is non-continuous due to a physical or natural barrier, a suffix should be added to differentiate the sections (e.g., Bartlett Road and Bartlett Road North)

There is an approved list of street names that are historical type names on file. The developers can choose from this list or make alternative suggestions that would be subject to the above criteria. If there is an alternative street name proposed, it is reviewed by the Fire Department who also does the street numbering. If the Fire Dept signs off, the developer can use that name. It is typically done around the time the subdivision agreement is being finalized.

Further to this, following the input received at this Ward meeting, staff/Council will review the naming process further and also look into what other municipalities are doing.

7. Development Incentives

Question:

Does The Town has incentives in place to encourage developers to incorporate environmentally-friendly features/sustainable development within proposed developments?

Response from Staff (Manager of Special Projects Melissa Shi):

- The Town is currently reviewing its Community Improvement Plans (CIPs) and the incentives within. This is a public process and input is welcome. The goal of CIPs is to provide incentives that help guide development in a way that is of benefit to the community. Examples of goals discussed thus far in the process:
 - a) Affordable Housing/sufficient variation of housing stock
 - b) Mixed Use Development (including commercial components)
 - c) Protecting Heritage features/buildings/districts

The suggestion to incorporate incentives related to incorporating environmentally friendly features/sustainable development was noted (Geothermal heating/Green roofs/absorptive surfaces etc.)

8. Municipal Property Taxes and those living outside of the urban boundary:

Question: A resident is of the understanding that some municipalities have special tax rates for those living outside the urban boundary and therefore receiving less services than those within.

Response from Staff (Director of Public Works David Graham):

- Undertook to meet with the resident(s) to discuss further.

9. Proposed Beamsville Go Station and railway crossing at Ontario Street

Question:

How will The Town accommodate for the plans to add a GO Station stop in Beamsville – Is there a plan to add an overpass at the tracks?

Response from Staff (Paul Dilanni Director of Economic Development and Communications)

- The Region owns a parcel of land close to the proposed Beamsville GO Station Stop and is considering ways to use this for an overpass or underpass to accommodate increases in density such as the proposed apartment building at the NE corner of Greenlane and Ontario Streets.

10. Beamsville District Secondary School Site:

Question:

What will happen to this property?

Response from Staff (Manager of Special Projects Melissa Shi):

- The Town is interested in purchasing the property and will pursue once the property has been declared surplus (early 2022?). The Town will establish a Secondary Plan for the site. This process will require public input and will take place likely over the course of a year or more.

Response from Staff (Paul Dilanni Director of Economic Development and Communications)

- Nothing is finalized but there is consideration given to moving Town Hall from the North Service Road Beamsville, into part of the existing BDSS building. Noted that a portion of the BDSS building is designated under the Heritage Act [protected].

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.