

Dear Committee Members:

With respect to the EIS and Linkage Assessment guidelines proposed, we would like to point out that no public consultation has occurred within our area that we are aware of and a few days notice to review such a detailed document that significantly impacts our area is insufficient lead time.

As per Schedule B of the UHOP, our members live adjacent to or within 120 ms of three (3) Core Areas and one (1) Linkage area. The primary focus of the public consultation appears to have been within the Rural Area and has overlooked our significant Natural Heritage System within the Urban Area.

We would like clarification on whether or not a Public Meeting advertised as a Rural Zoning ByLaw Public Meeting for March 31st would in fact constitute the requisite Public Meeting under the Planning Act?

In addition, in quickly scanning these guidelines, we question why an EIS was not required for the Grays Road application, and once again, why an EIS was not required for the Oceanic application (which is adjacent to the Core area). It appears in both cases neither one of these proposals follows the guidelines being proposed and/or the prior requirements as per the Staff Report.

Once again, there has been a lack of communication and engagement within our Ward in regards to municipal issues that impact us.

Respectfully,

Lakewood Beach Community Council