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REVISED Letter: RE: Hamilton Truck Route Master Plan Update - Truck Route Sub-Committee Meeting March 28, 2022

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Subject: Neighbour's concern of potential future increase in Truck Traffic Noise, due to the Truck Traffic Restriction Proposal for Hamilton St from 7 pm to 7 am during nighttime sleeping hours for residents from [REDACTED] Fellowes Cres to [REDACTED] Fellowes Cres.

To Omar Shams, Project Manager, Transportation Planning  
To Judi Partridge, Flamborough Councillor  
To Angela McCrae, City of Hamilton

We would like to register our concern of potential increased truck traffic at night as a result of the recent change to the Waterdown Truck Route Proposal that was published recently. In that proposal, the plan now shows, with a green dashed line, that trucks will no longer be allowed to use Hamilton Street from 7 pm to 7 am.

This change has influenced us to reflect again about the high traffic and noise we already experience. There are 28 homes backing onto Parkside Drive between Boulding Ave and Avonsyde Blvd. There are two homes, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Spring Creek Drive, that face Parkside Drive and their upper front bedroom windows will be approximately 10/15 meters from New Lane 1 with no benefit of a noise attenuation fence or berm to block noise that some other houses have. Our homes from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] Fellowes, have no berm and will be receiving a 7 foot noise attenuation fence (without a berm) similar to the Mattamy Homes subdivision along Parkside but our fences will not protect the upper bedroom windows from noise as much as the fences are not high enough to do that and there is no berm to put them onto.

In the map below, [REDACTED] Fellowes Cres to [REDACTED] Fellowes Cres, are shown by a red dashed line. The dashed green line on Hamilton St is the new restriction proposed by the City Truck Traffic Plan. It is proposed that trucks will not be allowed to drive on Hamilton St between 7 pm and 7 am. We are not entirely clear why this restriction has been proposed as its our understanding that truck traffic is very light along Hamilton St during those evening/night/morning hours. That said, there may be a valid reason we are not aware of where residents there are concerned with nighttime truck traffic.

Knowing traffic patterns, it is expected that if trucks are driving at night to access points north and east of Waterdown, in many cases they will need to use our section of Parkside Drive more often due to the restriction on Hamilton St. If trucks drive behind our houses before 7 am, 6 am, 5am and earlier, this would disturb our sleep because we hardly ever hear trucks at this time of night currently.



In the photo below, the curb of new lane will be just to the left of the new metal electricity/other utility poles.  
Red Arrows point to approximate curb- yellow line, of New Lane 1 of 4 to be completed Summer 2022.

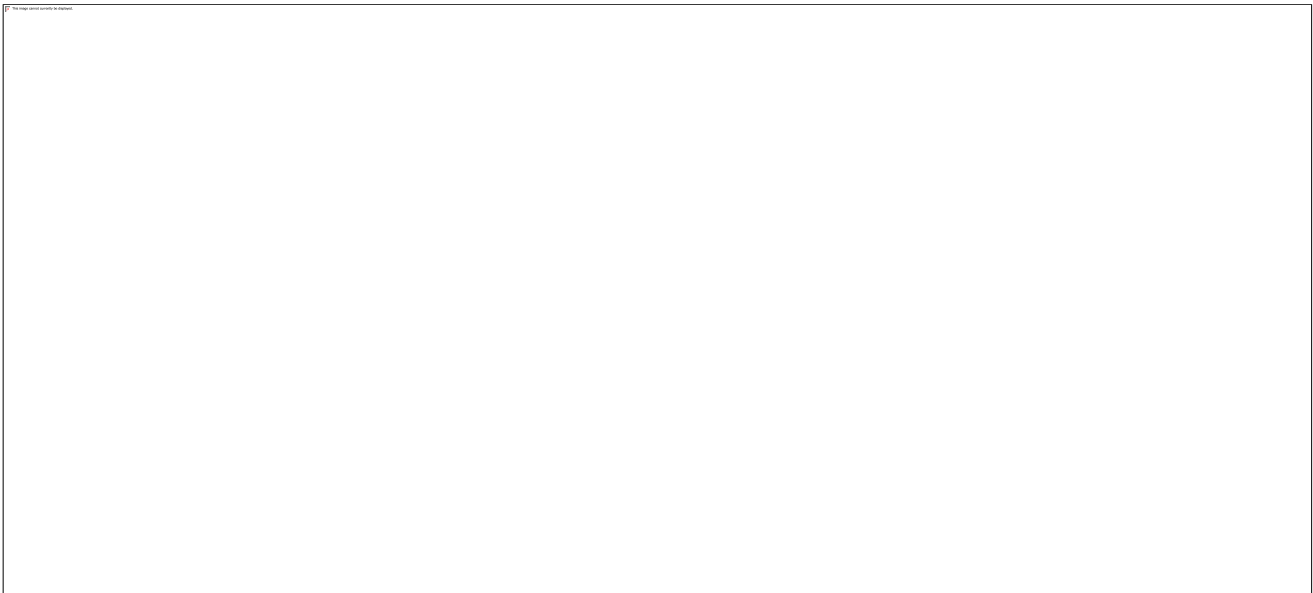


Photo Below: [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED] Fellowes Cres, [REDACTED] will be 18 meters from centre of new Lane 1



Our 40 km/hr neighbourhood at Boulding Ave and Parkside Drive.



To help us to go forward I have the following suggestion that we hope you would implement.

Here are 3 requests I ask for the Project Team to consider:

1. To delay the implementation of the Truck Traffic Restriction on Hamilton St to such time that the City has completed the widening of Parkside Drive behind our homes; and that our home's fences have been replaced with the noise attenuation fence that is planned by the City as part of the project.
2. To reduce the speed limit from 50 km/hr to 40 km/hr, from Avonsyde Blvd to Boulding Ave. The noise is already too high daytime and the night time intrusion of more loud trucks will disturb our sleep.
  - a. We are also aware that as soon as Parkside Drive widening has been completed, the City will begin working with the Railway to demolish and replace the bridge on Dundas St. All Waterdown East West Traffic will be moved to Parkside Drive. During this period of possibly 1-2 years, traffic volumes will double on Parkside Drive and the noise will increase significantly at night. A possible long term solution would be to lower the speed to 40 km/hr in anticipation of the bridge replacement and traffic impact on Parkside Drive.
3. We also ask that the City review the outcomes of the proposed change on Hamilton St to prevent 7 pm to 7 am truck traffic to see if it is practical and necessary and that it does not impair the necessary business use of Hamilton St. where two large grocery stores exist and where trucks need access at early morning hours. We hope these large trucks do not choose Parkside Drive to get to Fortinos/Sobeys etc rather than using Hamilton St.

Thank you for submitting this to the record on discussions of the Truck Route Changes planned for Waterdown.

Regards,

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