

## REPORT

### PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 7, 2018

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**FROM:** Engineering and Construction Department

**DATE:** July 20, 2018

**SUBJECT:** Lakeshore Road West Improvements (Mississaga Street to Dorval Drive) - Class Environmental Assessment Study - Update

**LOCATION:** Lakeshore Road West (Mississaga Street to Dorval Drive)

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#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

That staff be directed to complete additional consultation on the Lakeshore Road West Improvements (Mississaga Street to Dorval Drive) Class Environmental Assessment and report back to Council in early 2019.

#### KEY FACTS:

The following are key facts for consideration with respect to this report:

- Staff are undertaking a Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) study for Lakeshore Road West between Mississaga Street and Dorval Drive (Lakeshore Road Class EA).
- Recommendations from the Lakeshore Road Class EA were presented to Community Services Committee (CSC) on May 22, 2018. CSC referred the report back to staff for additional consultation to address the community concerns regarding the preferred design alternative.
- A public meeting was held on July 25, 2018 to provide an update to residents and stakeholders regarding the Lakeshore Road Class EA process and to receive feedback regarding the project and the Lakeshore Road corridor itself.
- Additional time is required to further engage with stakeholders prior to bringing a revised Lakeshore Road West Class EA recommendation forward.

#### BACKGROUND:

In late 2016, staff initiated the Lakeshore Road West (Mississaga Street to Dorval Drive) Improvements Class Environmental Assessment process (Lakeshore Road Class EA). The purpose of the Lakeshore Road Class EA study was to identify any recommended improvements to Lakeshore Road West to improve mobility and safety. Through the Class EA process, a problem or opportunity statement is developed, alternatives are reviewed, a recommended solution is put forth and

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mitigation measures are identified.

The town retained the consulting firm of Woods Plc., formerly Amec Foster Wheeler to assist in undertaking the EA study.

The EA study limits extends 6.2 km from Mississaga Street to Dorval Drive as illustrated in the map below:



The draft Lakeshore Road Class EA identified the following opportunities to be addressed through the study:

- *Improve roadway geometrics to meet current design standards;*
- *Provide and improve pedestrian and cyclist facilities;*
- *Improve pavement conditions;*
- *Improve traffic, pedestrian and cyclist safety;*
- *Improve existing drainage and storm water management;*
- *Improve creek crossings and structures; and*
- *Accommodate future municipal services and utilities within the ultimate right-of-way.*

Feedback and input from residents, agency staff and other stakeholders was solicited through Public Information Centres, stakeholder meetings and the project web page.

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At the Community Services Committee meeting on May 22, 2018, staff presented the findings of the draft *Lakeshore Road West Improvements (Mississauga Street to Dorval Drive) Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study*. The report included recommendations regarding the road corridor and regarding condition and flooding concerns at McCraney Creek bridge. CSC also heard from two delegations regarding the project. The recommendation from CSC was that the project be “referred back to staff to consult with the community regarding the implications on tree preservation, property expropriation, daylight triangles and the selected locations for a centre turn lane.”

This report provides an update on activities undertaken since the May 22, 2018 CSC meeting, and outlines recommendations regarding fulfilling the CSC direction.

### **COMMENT/OPTIONS:**

At, and following, the May 22, 2018 CSC meeting, a number of concerns with the Lakeshore Road West Class EA recommendations were expressed by individual property owners and by the Coronation Park Residents Association. A public meeting was held on July 25, 2018 at the Sir John Colborne Senior Recreation Centre to provide an update on the status of the Class EA study and to listen to the concerns of area residents.

The themes of the questions and concerns expressed by residents at CSC and the July 25, 2018 public meeting can be summarized as follows:

- Desire to protect maintain the character of Lakeshore Road West
- Desire to protect and retain trees
- Questions and concerns regarding property impacts
- Recognition of the importance of safety for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers
- Questions regarding the rationale for constructing a centre turn lane
- Questions regarding construction impacts and staging

As directed by CSC, staff and the consultant team will be reassessing the options for Lakeshore Road West in light of the above noted comments and the comments received through the earlier phases of the study. The reassessment will be primarily focused on the portion of the study area that is east of East Street. No additional comments have been received regarding the proposed road cross section through Bronte Village; the comments received through CSC and the July 25, 2018 meeting have been focused on the area from Third Line to Dorval Drive. The portion between East Street and Third Line will also be reviewed as it possesses many similar characteristics to the section east of Third Line.

To ensure that affected residents have the opportunity to engage with this study and to allow for options and recommendations to be developed that reflect the latest

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comments and direction that have been received, staff are recommending that the study timelines be extended such that the next report back to CSC is in early 2019. At that time, an updated recommendation regarding the Lakeshore Road Class EA will be presented. The consultation program will allow for both larger and smaller groups to meet with the study team to review the overall concept and any impact to individual properties.

### **McCraney Creek Bridge Crossing**

In July 2017, emergency works were undertaken at the McCraney Creek bridge crossing to stabilize the structure following the collapse of the north-west wingwall. The Lakeshore Road Class EA scope was amended to include the evaluation of options for the McCraney Creek bridge. The draft report as presented on May 22, 2018 recommends that ultimately the structure should be replaced to address its condition and its hydraulic capacity.

It is envisioned that, when the Lakeshore Road Class EA is complete, the staging plan for the design and construction of any recommended infrastructure would begin with the section of Lakeshore Road from Fourth Line to Dorval Drive. This would allow any recommended works at the McCraney Creek bridge to be coordinated with any work along the road corridor. While opportunities to accelerate the bridge design were investigated, staff recommend that the bridge and road corridor remain coordinated in the same study. This will ensure that consultation is clearer and coordinated, and will avoid the confusion that could occur if there are two studies within the same geographic area occurring concurrently.

At the July 25, 2018 public meeting, staff received some comments that were specific to the bridge and flooding. The planned consultation on the Lakeshore Road Class EA will include opportunities for residents and stakeholders to provide input on all aspects of the study, including the McCraney Creek bridge.

### **Next Steps:**

Over the coming months, staff and the consulting team will move forward with completing the Class EA process for Lakeshore Road. This includes collecting and reviewing feedback from the July 25, 2018 public meeting, reviewing the study recommendations based on that feedback, and additional consultation based on revised plans before reporting to CSC in early 2019.

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## CONSIDERATIONS:

### (A) PUBLIC

The study team will continue to work with residents, agencies and other stakeholders to ensure they have the opportunity to provide their input throughout the Class EA process.

### (B) FINANCIAL

There are no financial impacts associated with the recommendations of this report. The scope of work for this assignment has been updated to reflect the May 22, 2018 resolution from Community Services Committee and the project is funded from Project 53311604.

### (C) IMPACT ON OTHER DEPARTMENTS & USERS

The study team included staff from Engineering and Construction (Transportation Strategy, Infrastructure Planning, Design and Construction), Planning (Urban Design), Roads and Works (Road Operations, Traffic Operations), Parks and Open Space (Parks Planning and Development, Forestry), Environmental Policy, Fire, Strategic Business Services, Development Engineering, Communications, Legal, and Realty Services.

### (D) CORPORATE AND/OR DEPARTMENT STRATEGIC GOALS

This report addresses the corporate strategic goals to:

- Continuously improve our programs and services
- Provide outstanding services to our residents and businesses

### (E) COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY

The review of alternative solutions through the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process supports the town's sustainability pillars by evaluating benefits and impacts to the environment on multiple levels (natural, social, technical, community and economic).

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