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Attention:

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The Corporation of the Township of Tiny

John Heseltine, MCIP, Project Manager,  
Stantec Consulting Ltd.

Sirs:

I wish acknowledge receipt of an email dated June 22, 2021 from Nevena Gazibara, Environmental Planner with Stantec in Stoney Creek. The author of the email did not introduce themselves; however, I surmise that they are authorized to communicate with the public on behalf of the Tiny Transportation Master Plan team. I wish to accept the kind invitation offered in the email to convey our further comments.

FoTTSA is pleased to learn that Stantec will undertake *“a speed management and traffic calming review concurrently with the TMP to develop traffic calming policies and provide recommendations for traffic calming measures”*. We trust that the process and resulting policies and recommendations will be meaningfully effective and will be implemented by Tiny Township with urgency thus leading to much improved safety along Tiny Beaches Road in the near future.

The June 22 email confirms that the “Existing Road Network” illustrated in the PIC#1 presentation is not actually the Township’s Official Plan Road Network; but is rather a map that the Township uses in some manner to determine road maintenance needs. Accordingly, we would contend that presenting this road maintenance map to the public as the “Existing Road Network” is inappropriate. The email acknowledges that the Township’s Official Plan Road Network does not include a Collector Road classification although one is clearly used in the road maintenance map. The information presented in the PIC#1 presentation identifies almost all of Tiny Beaches Road as a Collector Road; whereas, no such classification exists in the Official Plan and Tiny Beaches Road is classified as a Local Road. . The TMP team’s decision to use this road maintenance map to represent the “Existing Road Network” unfortunately conveys a significantly inaccurate framework to the public while seeking its input.

The June 22 email also states that: *“it should be noted that one of the main purposes of the TMP is to address the current road classification system in the Township because the Township Official Plan (2018) does not properly reflect how the roads currently operate.”* We have reviewed the Scope of Work set out in the September

2020 RFP wherein is provided some background and laid out 5 main objectives and 17 minor objectives for the study. We have been assured that the Terms of Reference for the TMP do not differ from the Scope of Work in the RFP. We have reviewed again the TMP website and the “Background Context and Existing Conditions” presentation at PIC#1. We can find no documentation in any of this indicating that the Township has a concern that the Official Plan Road Network does not properly reflect how the roads currently operate and that consequently changing the Township’s road network classification system is one of the “*main purposes of the TMP.*”

The June 22 email is the first indication, of which we are aware, that one of the apparent main purposes of the TMP is to reclassify Tiny Beaches Road from a Local Road to a Collector Road. The fact that the PIC#1 presentation presents this possible outcome of the TMP as the “Existing Road Network” is quite problematic and worrisome. Unfortunately, the information conveyed by the TMP team would lead members of the public to the mistaken understanding that Tiny Beaches Road is already classified as a Collector Road.

It is surprising that public opinion related to the apparent intent to reclassify Tiny Beaches Road has not been sought. Certainly, the main purposes and potential outcomes of the TMP should have been made clear at the outset on the TMP website and also in the PIC#1 presentation. The purpose of the TMP to change the Township road classification system and to reclassify Tiny Beaches Road should have been conveyed, explained and justified to the public. The question should have been put in the survey: Do you support reclassification of Tiny Beaches Road from a Local Road to a Collector Road? Had this been done, then the public would have had a fair opportunity to understand this purpose of the TMP, to weigh the implications and to express their views on the matter.

Based on FoTTSA’s understanding of the preferences of the residents of the Shoreline, we would be hard pressed to imagine much support at all for upgrading the classification of Tiny Beaches Road. We believe that a substantial majority of residents would not wish to see Tiny Beaches Road upgraded to a Collector Road. We believe that, as we have previously communicated, the majority of residents along Tiny Beaches Road wish to retain the unique heritage character of the road and see the Township implement various effective measures (such as stop signs, community safety zones and effective speed enforcement) to frustrate its use as a through route, slow traffic to conform to the posted limit, and materially improve the safety of vulnerable road users such as pedestrians, cyclists and those using wheelchairs.

Thank you for the opportunity to convey this message to the TMP team.

Regards -

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