



October 15, 2021

Memo to: Tiny Township Transportation Master Plan Team

Regarding: Response to TMP PIC2

This submission is on behalf of the Federation of Tiny Township Shoreline Associations. FoTTSA wishes to thank the Tiny Township TMP team for its presentation during PIC2. FoTTSA is pleased to offer its support for much of the direction emerging from the TMP process, including:

- emphasis on improving infrastructure to increase the frequency and safety of active transportation trip making for trips under 5 kilometres;
- designation of an appropriate Collector Road classification and the continued designation of Tiny Beaches Road North (south of Concession 15) and Tiny Beaches Road south as Local Roads;
- emphasis on meaningfully addressing the serious concerns expressed by many residents in response to the survey and other communication related to the unsafe conditions on Tiny Beaches Road for active transportation; and
- recognition that the traffic volumes are significantly higher in the summer and even more significantly higher on weekends in the summer and that this is most particularly the case in the shoreline communities.

There are certain aspects of the PIC2 presentation to which we would like to draw your attention.

In the section relating to “What We’ve Heard about Network Improvements” there is no mention of some of the important information provided by FoTTSA in its submission of April 19, 2021, including that:

- 53 percent of respondents to the FoTTSA resident survey feel that the installation of more stop signs along Tiny Beaches Road would slow traffic and improve safety;
- FoTTSA specifically requested that the Township immediately implement all-way stop control at a number of locations along Tiny Beaches Road, where there is significant pedestrian activity and vehicles turning to connect with the rest of the road network; and
- FoTTSA has urged the implementation of Community Safety Zones, in specific sections along Tiny Beaches Road and expressed desire for enhanced measures to enforce speed limits including OPP activity and/or automated speed enforcement (photo radar).

FoTTSA cannot say why the TMP Team did not report this input during PIC2, but wish to repeat it again in this submission in the hope that it may be finally “heard”.

We understand that the deployment of new stop signs along Tiny Beaches Road is not likely to be recommended to Tiny Township by the consultant who expressed the

opinion during the Q&A portion of PIC2 that additional stop signs only cause motorists to travel at a greater rate of speed between stop signs. This is a position appears to be based on some research conducted in locations which bear very little resemblance to Tiny Beaches Road. As the TMP Team will know, there are very long sections of Tiny Beaches Road that have no stop control. For example, the section between Concession 4 and Balm Beach Road is 10 kilometres in length. This is a narrow Local Road with continuous small lot residential frontage with frequent pedestrian and cyclist activity where motorists can travel without any requirement to stop for 10 kilometres. This condition is entirely inappropriate and we dare say unprecedented for a Local Road. FoTTSA maintains the view that the judicious introduction of stop control at the main intersecting roads would be appropriate and helpful and would not have the effect of causing motorists to travel more quickly than they already do.

With respect to the proposed cross-section of Local Roads involving a widening of the pavement to facilitate the introduction of 1.2 metre multi-use pathways, FoTTSA is generally in support. However, there are some concerns to share. It was noted during the presentation that such widening would only be implemented where it was feasible to do so. With respect to Tiny Beaches Road there are several aspects of feasibility to be explored: including, the availability of required road allowance, the presence of mature trees close to the travel way, proximate embankment, construction cost and public acceptance based on specific proposals yet to come forward. It was acknowledged during the Q&A session of PIC2 that there are a significant number of sections where the proposed widening of Tiny Beaches Road would not be feasible. It was indicated that in these sections, where road sharing would continue to be required, other measures would be implemented to reduce speeds and enhance the safety for active transportation. We look forward to seeing the specifics of what measures would be recommended in which sections of Tiny Beaches Road, and to there being a robust public consultation process prior to the finalization of any plans.

As FoTTSA has indicated previously, its members widely view Tiny Beaches Road as a unique road with valued heritage character worthy of respect and careful preservation. The residents along Tiny Beaches Road are not desirous of seeing changes to the road that might serve to spoil the character of the road and the quality of the neighbourhoods it serves.

Submitted with respect

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