

## **FoTTSA Comments on the DRAFT Tiny Township Transportation Master Plan**

The Federation of Tiny Township Shoreline Associations (**FoTTSA**) appreciates this opportunity to express our views on the final DRAFT Transportation Master Plan (**TMP**) report prepared for Tiny Township by Stantec. In this submission we wish to register our most significant concerns.

FoTTSA's input to date has been almost entirely focussed on road safety on Tiny Beaches Road, largely arising as a result of the widespread and repeatedly expressed concern of residents about hazards caused by the excessive traffic speed.

We note that in the DRAFT TMP the final point in **Section 5 Summary of Existing Conditions** not only reflects the concerns expressed by FoTTSA and others but also confirms that the study recommendations **will** address the need to reduce automobile speed and enhance safety for all road users:

***"Safety is a concern for residents in beach communities: Survey findings by Stantec and from beach associations indicate a concern for pedestrian safety. Stantec is conducting a Speed Reduction and Traffic Calming Review alongside this TMP to develop recommendations that will decrease automobile speeds and improve safety for users of all transportation modes."***

We also note that the first sentence in **Section 6 TMP Vision Statement** reinforces the commitment of the TMP to address the road safety issue as a matter of priority:

*"Tiny's transportation network **will** offer efficient travel options that **prioritize safety for all road users, ages, and abilities.**"*

**It is FoTTSA's view that the recommendations in the draft TMP do NOT achieve these commitments and accordingly asks that the following four shortcomings of the DRAFT TMP be corrected.**

### **1. Speed Control on Tiny Beaches Road**

Despite many assurances and commitments given during the study and repeated in the DRAFT TMP report, we find no recommendations in the TMP that would result in any decrease in automobile speeds on most sections of Tiny Beaches Road. The TMP indicates that Community Safety Zones (**CSZ**) may only be considered in areas where the existing speed limit is 50kph or greater and where excessive speeding is experienced. There is no explanation given as to why the consultant would not also support consideration of CSZ designations in areas such as the shoreline where the posted speed is 40kph and excessive speeding is regularly experienced. Moreover, the TMP indicates that Watch Your Speed (**WYSP**) signage and Automated Speed Enforcement (**ASE**) should not be considered anywhere along Tiny Beaches Road north of Concession Road 4. It is not explained why the consultant would not consider these traffic calming solutions elsewhere along Tiny Beaches Road. Perhaps it is a simple oversight.

***FoTTSA believes that all three of these speed control measures (CSZ, WYSP & ASE) should be considered for application wherever they would improve road safety and asks that the TMP be amended accordingly.***

### **2. Pedestrian Safety on Tiny Beaches Road**

It is proposed in the TMP that Tiny Beaches Road be widened to provide 1.2m bike lanes on both sides of the road. There is no recommendation addressing the needs of pedestrians and those using mobility devices. No one wants to, or should be expected to take their family for a walk in a bike lane. It would not be safe, nor would pedestrians feel the facility was provided for their enjoyment. Imagine the tension this would create between cyclists and the local residents walking along the street in front of their homes.

***If Tiny Beaches Road is to be widened for reasons of improving the safety of active transportation, then a sidewalk or perhaps a multi-user path should be provided to address the needs of all users. It cannot be widened exclusively for cyclists. FoTTSA asks that this recommendation in the TMP be corrected.***

### **3. All-Way Stop Control at Major Intersections along Tiny Beaches Road**

Tiny Beaches Road is a local road featuring long sections with no stop control. FoTTSA has indicated the need for all-way stop control at selected locations where Tiny Beaches Road intersects with roads which the TMP proposes to upgrade to Collector Road status. The TMP surprisingly recommends only two all-way stop control intersections along Tiny Beaches Road, at Concession Road 9 and Balm Beach Road. The TMP suggests two other locations where all-way stop control could be considered (Concession Road 4 and Concession Road 5).

***Given the public expectations created by the TMP, this is an exceedingly unambitious set of recommendations which in the end does little to improve safety for all road users. FoTTSA asks that the TMP be more ambitious in pursuit of its stated purpose and include recommendations for all-way stop control on Tiny Beaches Road at Concession Road 4, Concession Road 5, Skylark Road, Concession Road 8, Concession Road 13 and Concession Road 16.***

### **4. Recognition of the Heritage Character of Tiny Beaches Road**

FoTTSA has previously shared the strongly held view of its members that Tiny Beaches Road is a special road worthy of a heritage character designation. Any changes to the road – especially a widening of the road to introduce a new facility (call it bike lanes or whatever) -- has the very real potential to cause a significantly undesirable change in the road's highly valued heritage character.

***The recommended studies of the feasibility of the widening of the road must engage the shoreline community in a meaningful way and hold as a prime objective the preservation and enhancement of Tiny Beaches Road's heritage character. FoTTSA asks that the TMP incorporate a specific reference to the road's valued heritage character (there may be other roads that should similarly be designated) and the intention of the Township to honour that character.***