Regional Council Minutes

Wednesday, March 22, 2017

The following are the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held at 7:30 p.m. in the Regional Council Chamber, 150 Frederick Street, Kitchener, Ontario, with the following members present: Chair K. Seiling, L. Armstrong, E. Clarke, D. Craig, S. Foxton, T. Galloway, D. Jaworsky, H. Jowett, K. Kiefer, G. Lorentz, J. Mitchell, J. Nowak, K. Redman, S. Shantz, and B. Vrbanovic.

Members Absent: S. Strickland

Closed Session

Moved by S. Foxton
Seconded by K. Redman

That a closed meeting of Council be held on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Waterloo County Room in accordance with Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, for the purposes of considering the following subject matters:

a) proposed or pending litigation and acquisition of land in the City of Kitchener
b) proposed or pending litigation and acquisition of land in the City of Kitchener
c) proposed or pending litigation and receiving of advice subject to solicitor-client privilege related to an agreement
d) proposed or pending acquisition of land in the City of Kitchener
e) labour relations regarding contract negotiations
f) proposed or pending litigation and receiving of advice subject to solicitor-client privilege related to an agreement

Regional Development Charges

Carried

Moved by S. Foxton
Seconded by H. Jowett

That Council reconvene in Open Session.

Carried
Declarations of Pecuniary Interest Under The “Municipal Conflict Of Interest Act”

E. Clarke declared a pecuniary interest with respect to Item 2 on the Summary of Recommendations of the Community Services Committee due to her employment with the YWCA.

Presentations

a) Jennifer Murray, President, Friends of Waterloo Region Museum, appeared before Council. She provided background information on the museum and highlighted the Tyrannosaurs – Meet the Family exhibit and presented Council a cheque for $10,000 that represents their sponsorship for the transportation costs associated with bringing the exhibit to the Region. She invited Council to attend their AGM on Wednesday, April 5, 2017.

Chair K. Seiling thanked J. Murray and the Friends of Waterloo Region Museum for the generous donation and continuous support.

Delegations

a) Debbie Normore appeared before Council regarding the Stage2 ION in Cambridge. She provided a presentation that expressed concerns of many residents to the proposed preferred route. She highlighted four areas in her presentation: transportation and mobility; social/cultural environment; natural environment and economic impact. A copy of the presentation is appended to the original minutes.

Council members pointed out miscommunication in the public and asked staff to outline the process of the project. Thomas Schmidt, Commissioner, Transportation and Environmental Services noted that currently the Region is receiving comments from the public and will be having another round of public input meetings in the Fall. Staff will come back to Council post public meetings looking for approval to move forward with a transit environmental assessment, which is another six month process and will have more public open houses in early 2018 and then come back to Council with final approval in Spring 2018.

A Council member asked that Region staff communicate the outline and various route options with Cambridge Council.

It was highlighted that expropriation letters have not been sent out, nothing has been approved and currently there is no funding for the second stage of LRT.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Moved by K. Redman

Seconded by J. Nowak

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That the following Minutes be approved:

a) Closed Council – February 22, 2017
b) Council – February 22, 2017
c) Planning & Works – March 7, 2017
d) Administration & Finance – March 7, 2017
e) Closed Committee – March 7, 2017
f) Special Council – March 7, 2017
g) Community Services – March 7, 2017

Carried

Moved by S. Shantz
Seconded by B. Vrbanovic

That Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider reports.

Carried

**Finance Reports**

a) COR-TRY-17-14, P2017-03 Transit Coaches

Moved by K. Redman

Seconded by S. Shantz

That the Regional Municipality of Waterloo accept the proposal of New Flyer Bus Industries Canada ULC for P2017-03 Transit Coaches in the amount of $5,327,487.00 plus all applicable taxes as set out in report COR-TRY-17-14 dated March 22, 2017.

Carried

b) COR-TRY-17-15, P2014-52 Wheelchair Accessible Mini Buses

Moved by K. Redman

Seconded by S. Shantz

That the Regional Municipality of Waterloo accept the proposal of Overland Custom Coach (2007) Inc. for the supply of three (3) Wheelchair Accessible Mini Buses for Grand River Transit MobilityPLUS at a total cost of $282,815.00 plus applicable taxes as set out in report COR-TRY-17-15 dated March 22, 2017.

2371028
c) COR-TRY-17-16, Ambulance Body Purchase

Moved by K. Redman

Seconded by S. Shantz

That the Regional Municipality of Waterloo approve the purchase of two (2) Type III Ambulance Bodies from Demers Ambulance Inc. in the amount of $204,826.00 plus all applicable taxes as outlined in report COR-TRY-17-16 dated March 22, 2017.

Carried

d) COR-TRY-17-17, T2017-115 Application of Pavement Markings

Moved by K. Redman

Seconded by S. Shantz

That the Regional Municipality of Waterloo accept the tender of Guild Electric Ltd. for T2017-115 Application of Pavement Markings for a one (1) year period starting April 15, 2017 in the amount of $217,368.00 plus all applicable taxes with the option to renew for four (4) additional one (1) year periods as set out in report COR-TRY-17-17 dated March 22, 2017.

Carried

e) COR-TRY-17-18, T2017-111 Reconstruction of Regional Road No. 4 (Ottawa Street) from Imperial Drive to Alpine Road, Kitchener, ON

A Council member inquired about the impacts on traffic flow during construction. T. Schmidt noted that the traffic plan is in two stages to minimize impact on traffic and that staff can follow up with Councillors on planned road closures.

T. Schmidt provided clarification on the new highway 7/8 access.

Moved by K. Redman

Seconded by S. Shantz

That the Regional Municipality of Waterloo accept the tender of Capital Paving Inc. for T2017-111 Reconstruction of Regional Road No. 4 (Ottawa Street) from Imperial Drive to Alpine Road, Kitchener, ON in the amount of $6,548,041.43 plus all applicable taxes as set out in report COR-TRY-17-18 dated March 22, 2017.

Carried
f) COR-TRY-17-19, T2017-101 Sawmill Road and Northfield Drive Improvements, Village of Conestogo, Township of Woolwich

A Council member raised concerns about snow removal on the pedestrian island. T. Schmidt noted that staff would look into this.

Moved by K. Redman
Seconded by S. Shantz

That the Regional Municipality of Waterloo accept the tender of Steed and Evans Limited for T2017-101 Sawmill Road and Northfield Drive Improvements, Village of Conestogo, Township of Woolwich in the amount of $4,862,500.00 plus all applicable taxes as set out in report COR-TRY-17-19 dated March 22, 2017.

Carried

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\[\text{g) COR-TRY-17-20, T2017-108 2017 Rural Resurfacing and Bridge Rehabilitation at Various Locations, Townships of North Dumfries, Wilmot, and Oxford and Perth County, Ontario}\]

Moved by K. Redman
Seconded by S. Shantz

That the Regional Municipality of Waterloo accept the tender of Coco Paving Inc. for T2017-108 2017 Rural Resurfacing and Bridge Rehabilitation at Various Locations, Townships of North Dumfries, Wilmot and Oxford and Perth County, Ontario in the amount of $11,573,000.00 plus all applicable taxes as set out in report COR-TRY-17-20 dated March 22, 2017;

And that the Regional Municipality of Waterloo approve an increase in the project cost of $124,400.00 for the Region’s share of the project to be funded from the Roads Rehabilitation Reserve;

And that the Regional Municipality of Waterloo approve an increase in the project cost of $2,478,400.00 gross and $0 net to facilitate work undertaken on behalf of Oxford County;

And that the Regional Municipality of Waterloo approve an increase in the project cost of $463,200.00 gross and $0 net to facilitate work undertaken on behalf of Perth County.

Carried

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\[\text{h) COR-TRY-17-21, P2016-31 Supply, Installation and Fifteen (15) Years of Maintenance for a P25 Voice Radio System}\]
Moved by K. Redman

Seconded by S. Shantz

That the Regional Municipality of Waterloo accept the proposal of Motorola Solutions Canada Inc. for the P2016-31 Supply, Installation and Fifteen (15) years of Maintenance for a P25 Voice Radio System in the amount of $25,344,374.00 plus all applicable taxes as set out in report COR-TRY-17-21 dated March 22, 2017;

And that the Regional Municipality of Waterloo authorize the Evaluation Team to negotiate the contract Terms and Conditions subject to the approval of the Regional Solicitor;

And that the Regional Municipality of Waterloo advance funds in the amount of $1,499,000 from 2018 to 2017 within various Regional Capital Program budgets as outlined in Table 4b for the Voice Radio User Gear Replacement;

And that report COR-TRY-17-21 be forwarded to the Waterloo Region Police Services Board and all area municipality councils for information.

Carried

i) COR-TRY-17-22, Regional Council and Council Appointee Remuneration and Expenses for the Year Ended December 31, 2016

Received for information.

Committee Reports

Planning and Works

The Summary of Recommendations of the Planning and Works Committee was presented by Tom Galloway, Chair of the Committee.

Moved by T. Galloway

Seconded by S. Foxton

That the Summary of Recommendations of the Planning and Works Committee, dated March 7, 2017, Items 1 to 10 and 2 items from closed session, be adopted as follows:

1. That the Regional Municipality of Waterloo support the publication of the Highway 7/8 Corridor between New Hamburg and Stratford report.

2. That the Regional Municipality of Waterloo approve the following amendment to Controlled Access By-law #58-87, subject to site plan approval by the City of Kitchener, as described in Report No. PDL-CPL-17-06, dated March 07, 2017:
a) approve a right-in, right-out only emergency access on the west side of Regional Road #28 (Homer Watson Boulevard) approximately 235 metres north of Block Line Road, in the City of Kitchener


4. That Council of The Regional Municipality of Waterloo approve the expropriation of lands for the purpose of the reconstruction of Fountain Street North, City of Cambridge, in the Regional Municipality of Waterloo as detailed in report PDL-LEG-17-16 dated March 7, 2017 described as follows:

**Fee Simple Partial Taking:**

a) Part Block 5, Plan 58M-302, being Part 4 on 58R-18928, part of PIN 22628-0148 (LT)(1090 Fountain Street North, City of Cambridge);

b) Part Lots 19 and 20, Beasley’s Broken Front Concession, being Part 5, 58R-18928 and Part Lot 22, Beasley’s Broken Front Concession, being Part 1, on 58R-18942, part of PIN 03755-0013 (LT)(1055-1065 Fountain Street North City of Cambridge);

c) Part Lot 19, Beasley’s Broken Front Concession, being Part 4, 58R-18938, part of PIN 22740-0034 (LT)(2150 Fountain Street North, City of Cambridge);

d) Part Lot 19, Beasley’s Broken Front Concession, being Parts 2 and 3 on 58R-18938, part of PIN 22740-0051 (LT)(south west corner of Fountain Street and Allendale Road, City of Cambridge);

e) Part Lot 19, Beasley’s Broken Front Concession, being Part 1, 58R-18938 part of PIN 03755-0043 (LT)(1105 Fountain Street North City of Cambridge);

**Temporary Easements Partial Taking:**

a) Part Lot 19, Beasley’s Broken Front Concession, being Part 5, on 58R-18938, part of PIN 22740-0034 (LT)(2150 Fountain Street North, City of Cambridge);

b) Part of Lot 18, Beasley’s Broken Front Concession, being Parts 1, 2, 3 and 4, on 58R-19087 being Part of PIN 03755-0043 (LT)(Part of 1105 Fountain Street North, City of Cambridge);

c) Part of Lots 18 and 19, Beasley’s Broken Front Concession being Part 1 on 58R-19088 being Part of PIN 03755-0043 (LT)(Part of 1105 Fountain Street North, City of Cambridge);

d) Part of Lot 19, Beasley’s Broken Front Concession being Part 2 on 58R-19089 being Part of PIN 03755-0043 (LT)(Part of 1105 Fountain Street North, City of Cambridge);
e) Part of Lot 19, Beasley’s Broken Front Concession, being Part 1, on 58R-19089 being Part of PIN 03755-0043 (LT)(Part of 1105 Fountain Street North, City of Cambridge).

And That staff be instructed to register a Plan of Expropriation for the properties within three months of granting of the approval to expropriate the properties, as required by the *Expropriations Act*;

And That the registered owners be served with a Notice of Expropriation and a Notice of Possession of the property after the registration of the Plan of Expropriation and the Regional Solicitor is authorized to take any and all actions required to enforce such Notices including but not limited to any application pursuant to Section 40 of the *Expropriations Act*;

And That the Regional Solicitor is authorized to enter into an agreement with registered owners, or to make an application under section 39 of the *Expropriations Act*, to adjust the date for possession specified in the Notice of Possession as may be required;

And That all above-referenced fee simple partial takings situated adjacent to an existing Regional public highway be acquired for road widening purposes and therefore be deemed to form part of the adjacent public highway in accordance with subsection 31(6) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*;

And That if no agreement as to compensation is made with an owner, the statutory Offer of Compensation and payment be served upon the registered owners of the properties in the amount of the market value of interests in the lands as estimated by the Region’s appraiser in accordance with the *Expropriations Act*;

And Further That the Regional Solicitor be authorized to discontinue expropriation proceedings or any part thereof, in respect to the above described lands, or any part thereof, upon the registration of title of the required documentation to complete the transaction or if determined by the Commissioner of Transportation and Environmental Services that such lands, or any part of interest thereof, are not required for the subject Project.

5. That the Regional Municipality of Waterloo authorize having organizations currently participating or interested in joining the TravelWise Transportation Management Association execute an Acknowledgement of Terms and Conditions Form for a 1 year term, in a form satisfactory to the Regional Solicitor;

That the Regional Municipality of Waterloo authorize the Commissioner of Transportation and Environmental Services to enter into a new Collaborative Agreement with Sustainable Waterloo Region to deliver the services of the
TravelWise Transportation Management Association for a 1 year term, in a form satisfactory to the Regional Solicitor;

And that the Regional Municipality of Waterloo support, in principle, a collective drive-alone reduction goal of five per cent below 2015 levels by 2020 for the entire TravelWise Transportation Management Association, as described in Report TES-TRS-17-01 dated March 7, 2017.

6. That the Regional Municipality of Waterloo enter into agreements with the University of Waterloo and Wilfrid Laurier University to implement card replacement programs that would ensure U-Passes can be validated electronically using the Region’s upcoming Electronic Fare Management (EFMS) system in a form satisfactory to the Regional Solicitor, as described in Report No. TES-TRS-17-03, dated March 7, 2017.

7. That the Region of Waterloo take the following actions regarding the Grand River Transit Northfield Facility construction project;

   a) Approve the Environmental Project Report dated February 1, 2017 as prepared by IBI Group and direct staff to file for Notice of Completion of the transit Environmental Assessment process; and

   b) Appoint S. Strickland to participate on the Project Steering Committee. [COR-FFM-17-04]

8. That the Regional Municipality of Waterloo approve Rockwell Automation/Allen Bradley, as the new standard supplier for the Water Programmable Logic Controllers (PLC) for replacement of PLCs as required;

   And that the Manager of Procurement - Chief Purchasing Officer be authorized to enter into a supply agreement with Rockwell Automation/Allen Bradley that is agreeable to the Commissioner of the Transportation and Environmental Services and to implement the above recommendation. [TES-WAS-17-08]


   And that the Regional Municipality of Waterloo publish the Notice of Completion for the EA Addendum and provide the Addendum Report along with the original Environmental Study Report for public review and comment for a 30-day period, in accordance with the Municipal Engineers Association’s Class Environmental Assessment process.

11. That The Regional Municipality of Waterloo approve, enter into a Settlement Agreement for and execute all documentation related to the expropriation of lands for Stage 1 of the Rapid Transit Project legally described as Part Lots 300 and 301, Plan 385, being Parts 1, 2 and 3 on Plan WR936694, (PIN 22328-0018 (LT)), being the property municipally known as 904 King Street West, City of Kitchener, Regional Municipality of Waterloo, from 2437217 Ontario Inc. providing for payment in the amount of $135,000.00, as compensation for the market value of the full taking of land, costs and interest, plus reasonable legal, appraisal and associated costs, with all documentation to the satisfaction of the Regional Solicitor;

   And That the Regional Solicitor has all necessary authority to execute the Settlement Agreement and all such other documents related thereto.

12. That the Regional Municipality of Waterloo authorize the Commissioner, Planning, Development and Legislative Services to execute a Conservation Easement in favour of the Regional Municipality of Waterloo to the satisfaction of the Regional Solicitor over the lands described as Part Lot 129 German Company Tract and described as Part 1 on Reference Plan 58R-3440 and municipally known as 2219 Ottawa Street South, Kitchener to provide for the conservation, maintenance, restoration and enhancement of the subject lands in remediation of certain tree-cutting that exceeded Woodland Removal Permit 15-51 granted by Regional Council on August 18, 2016 pursuant to section 6 of the Regional Woodland Conservation By-law.

   Carried

Administration and Finance

The Summary of Recommendation of the Administration and Finance Committee was presented by Karen Redman, Vice Chair of the Committee.

Moved by K. Redman

Seconded by L. Armstrong

That the Summary of Recommendations of the Administration and Finance Committee dated March 7, 2017, Items 1 to 3, be adopted as follows:

1. a) That the Regional Municipality of Waterloo request the Province of Ontario to consider implementing a Provincial income tax credit for contributions to
municipal election campaigns;

And that this motion be circulated to the area municipalities in the Region of Waterloo for support.

b) That the Regional Municipality of Waterloo encourage the Province of Ontario to launch provincial initiatives for promoting municipal elections and providing a co-ordinated effort at advertising across the province to raise the profile with the potential to increase voter participation/turnout;

And that this motion be circulated to the area municipalities in the Region of Waterloo for support. [PDL-CAS-17-05]

2. That the Region of Waterloo take the following actions with respect to the Periodic Financial Report for the year ended December 31, 2016 as set out in report COR-FSD-17-08 dated March 7, 2017:

1. Approve the preliminary 2016 financial results for the purposes of preparing the Region’s 2016 Audited Financial Statements;

2. Establish an Employee Benefits Claims Stabilization Reserve effective December 31, 2016 and deposit to such reserve all amounts transferred from its benefit carrier;

3. Establish a Housing Provider Revolving Loan Reserve; and,

4. Amend the Surplus Allocation Policy and apply such amended Surplus Allocation Policy to the 2016 financial results.

3. That the Regional Municipality of Waterloo approve project funding allocations totalling $115,460 from the Community Environmental Fund to support the fourteen Environmental Stewardship projects described in Attachment 1 of Report PDL-CPL-17-08, dated March 7, 2017.

Carried

Community Services

The Summary of Recommendations of the Community Services Committee was presented by Geoff Lorentz, Chair of the Committee. The items were taken separately due to the pecuniary interest.

Moved by G. Lorentz

Seconded by S. Shantz
That the Summary of Recommendations of the Community Services Committee dated March 7, 2017, Item 1 be adopted as follows:

1. That the Region of Waterloo forwards a copy of report PHE-17-02, dated March 7, 2017, as feedback, to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, with a copy to the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHA) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), as part of the consultation process for the draft revised “Standards for Public Health Programs and Services.”
   
   Carried

That the Summary of Recommendations of the Community Services Committee dated March 7, 2017, Item 2 be adopted as follows:

Moved by G. Lorentz

Seconded by S. Shantz


   Carried

**Other Matters Under Committee Of The Whole**

a) TES-WAS-17-12, Waterloo, Kitchener and Galt Cogeneration: Approval to File Renewable Energy Approval Application

Moved by H. Jowett

Seconded by S. Foxton

That the Regional Municipality of Waterloo direct staff to submit the Renewable Energy Approval Applications for the Waterloo, Kitchener and Galt Cogeneration Facilities to the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) for review and subsequent filing as summarized in this Report TES-WAS-17-12 dated March 22, 2017;

And that the Regional Municipality of Waterloo publish the Notice of Posting to the Environmental Registry once the MOECC has completed their review and the application has been posted by the MOECC to the Environmental Registry for a 30 day public comment period, in accordance with the “Environmental Protection Act, Renewable Energy Approvals” under Part V.0.1 of the Act (O. Reg. 359/09).

   Carried

Moved by B. Vrbanovic

2371028
Seconded by E. Clarke

That Committee of the Whole rise and Council resume.

Carried

Moved by K. Kiefer
Seconded by D. Craig

That Council adopt the proceeding of the Committee of the Whole.

Carried

**Other Business**

a) B. Vrbanovic provided an outline of the Federal budget and the potential impacts on municipalities.

b) S. Shantz reminded Council members that the Maple Syrup Festival is on April 1st, 2017.

**Enactment of By-Laws – (First, Second & Third Readings)**

Moved by Redman

Seconded by S. Foxton

a) That a By-law to Amend By-law 58-87, Being the Region’s Controlled Access By-law (Regional Road #28, Homer Watson Boulevard) be read a first, second and third time, finally passed and numbered 17-012 signed by the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk and sealed with the Regional Seal.

b) That a By-law to Expropriate Lands for the Reconstruction of Fountain Street (Regional Road 17) from Kossuth Road / Fairway Road to Cherry Blossom Road, in the City of Cambridge, in the Region of Waterloo be read a first, second and third time, finally passed and numbered 17-013 signed by the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk and sealed with the Regional Seal.

c) That a By-law to Confirm the Actions of Council of March 22, 2017 be read a first, second and third time, finally passed and numbered 17-014 signed by the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk and sealed with the Regional Seal.

Carried
Adjourn

Moved by K. Kiefer

Seconded by G. Lorentz

That the meeting adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

Carried

Regional Chair, K. Seiling

Regional Clerk, K. Fletcher
Speech for March 22, 2017

Group: Preston Residence and business owners

I have been asked to speak as one voice for many in the community. The four areas that will be addressed are the areas you have in the Evaluation Results, and why so many people are opposed to this route.

1) Transportation & Mobility
2) Social/Cultural Environment
3) Natural Environment
4) Economic Impact

Transportation & Mobility

Impact on Traffic – The proposed route is coming into one of the regions oldest neighbourhoods, with some of the cities narrowest streets. The traffic congestion on these narrow streets in the Shantz hill/Fountain/King & Eagle at it's capacity now. Eagle St. is one of only two streets, in the Preston area that is continuous from King St to Hespeler Rd. This is the main thoroughfare for most of the Service vehicles. i.e. Police, Fire and Ambulance and several school bus routes. It is also the overflow route for the 401.

With several schools in the area, many children walk along this route daily. The ION proposes many hazards to these children.

Engineer Challenges

The infrastructure will be drastically impacted by the construction for ION and the increased intensification. The preferred route disturbs our water aquafer and sewage capacity. The entire area that has been proposed will have significant challenges, due to the age and the underground structure of the water and sewer lines. The main sewer line from Preston Heights comes across the river and ties into the main truck line; which travels from Hamilton St. to the Dover St. pump house; along the Bob McMullen trail. Also, in 1974 there was an underground pumping station installed behind A&M Wood. All of this is directly impacted by the construction of the ION tracking system. The current construction on King St has had significant delays due to the age and deteriation which continues along this preferred route. The ION construction requires 60 feet of width to accommodate 2 rail lines, 2 lanes of vehicular traffic and 2 sidewalks. There is contaminated land at Eagle and Speedsville which will significantly increase the cost of the project. Has the Region taken this into consideration?

Social /Cultural Environment

Properties Impacted

Due to the significant impact the ION will have on this quaint neighbourhood, many home and business owners will be destroyed. Some of these homes were built in the 1900's and some have been in families for approximately 100 years. Further with this development, the home/business owners are in
limbo.; not able to sell, relocate or decide their future. The hot housing market is no long possible for the Preston residents involved.

Transit/Pedestrian Supportive Policy – We disagree with this statement. Ridership is poor, at peak times.

Natural Environment

Impact on Floodplain & Natural Features

The ION will descend from the top of Shantz Hill Rd; disrupt the eco system of the Speed River & flood plains. Many of the impacted homes are part of the flood plains and governed by GRCA rules. In the 1974 major flood, all of the Speed River and joining lands were flooded; as far as Moore St.

Crossing this river, disturbs the river bed; the green space; the Bob McMullen Trail; that entire area that will be disturbed when you build the bridge across the Speed River; as well as all the fish and wildlife in this area. This wide span of destruction will forever change this natural habitat which we want to preserve for future generations

Economic Impact

Opportunities for Revitalization/Intensification

The intense population that follows the ION route is not the legacy we want for our quaint, quiet town. We are not metro Toronto, nor do we want to be.

Cost - The cost of this route is $1.25 billion, which does not take into consideration the age of the infrastructure; the issues that could occur with the sewer and waterlines; nor the contaminated lands in the Speedsville/Eagle corner.

The cost does not warrant the additional expenses necessary to bring the ION into this area.; taking into consideration the expropriation of homes & business; and the costs of a 2-tier rail bridge and 3 other train bridges that will be necessary to cross existing rail lines.

Alternative Possible Routes:

There are a few viable options, that could easily meet the ION criteria. We are proposing Old King St to Sportsworld Drive with main station at SportsWorld Crossing then continuing along Maple Grove directly to Hespeler Rd.

This will have minimal impact to the current hub of Preston and with the new developments by Mattamy Homes, 330 to 340 stacked townhomes, apartment units and retail space on 35.6 acres of land on the southwest corner of Maplegrove and Hespeler roads. Pennwood Developments and East Forrest Homes are partners on this subdivision project dubbed “Maple Mill”. With all this residential and business development, would not only make this a very profitable route; be less destructive and less expensive in the long run; and would service the growth of the area.

With Sportsworld being the hub, bus connections can be made to all areas of Cambridge, plus the Go Train.
As concerned citizens, we are quite perplexed about the lack of communication to the citizens. The Preliminary Preferred Route was made public in a LOW-KEY press conference on Friday February 10th in Kitchener’s regional office. Transparency and honest communication is a must.

My name is Debbie Normore and I am a human casualty to your progress. Due to the construction in the King and Eagle, my business has been destroyed. Being a single mother of 5 children I am most definitely oppose this preferred route along with all the cost and devastation to this area,

In conclusion, with all of the upset citizens voicing their concerns, we are asking that you please go back to the planning stages and considering a viable alternative that will not destroy Preston.