



COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

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DECEMBER 3, 2021

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7. **C-348-2021**
Correspondence dated November 28, 2021 from Lakeshore B2C, Internet Service Advocacy Group respecting gaps in internet service levels.

From: Ted Harvey <ted.harvey@spr.ca>

Date: November 11, 2021 at 4:01:51 PM EST

To: Terry Gilmore <TGilmore@wainfleet.ca>

Subject: Increase Ontario Truck Parking to aid Commerce and Communities

Reply-To: ted.harvey@spr.ca

Invitation to a Petition for More Truck Parking on Ontario Highways to Aid Commerce, Public Safety and Community Well-being

(a project to aid community commerce, strengthen the supply chain for our cities and families, improve working conditions for drivers, and increase public safety)

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November 10, 2021

Councillor Terry Gilmore
Town of Wainfleet

I am writing to ask you, as a leader in your community, to join a petition urging Ontario's Premier and Legislature to take action to increase long-haul truck parking along Ontario highways.

The petition is a follow-up to a \$280,000 study which our group conducted for the Ontario Ministry of Transportation in 2018 to assess the costs and dangers to the public due to a severe lack of truck parking.

Our summary report on this study, [No Place to Sleep, No Place to Rest](#), details significant issues resulting from the lack of places for truck drivers to rest at the end of their usual 13-14 hour workday. These issues include substantial costs to drivers and the industry, and danger to the public from truck collisions when drivers are fatigued. Recent reports from the OPP note a 40% increase in fatalities in truck collisions in the past year.

Ontario's inaction on truck parking has many negative impacts, including: harsh working conditions (long hours of work -- trucking is the only sector where government allows for a 13-14 hour workday); a lack of places for drivers to rest; and a lack of washrooms. By worsening working conditions, the lack of parking also increases the shortage of drivers (more retirements and greater difficulty recruiting drivers). This weakens the overall trucking supply chain which brings us nearly all of our food and other necessities, contributing to shortages of goods.

An increased role on the part of municipalities would be one solution to solving the truck parking shortage. This petition has growing support from municipalities (see resolutions from the [Township of North Dumfries](#) and the [City of Brampton](#)) as well as trucking companies. Other organizations, such as the Ontario Sikh Council have also expressed support. This approach, emphasizing a stronger municipal role funded by the province, is supported by a number of Ontario's leading experts in planning and transportation.

We hope this petition will help lead to real action on more truck parking.

Completing the petition: You can go to the petition by clicking the following link: [more truck parking](#)

Note: the Google sign-in instruction at the beginning of the petition can be skipped. Space is provided at the end for any comments you may have regarding working conditions, supply chain & shortages during COVID and increasing truck safety.

If firewalls or other obstacles prevent you from accessing the petition, please e-mail me at ted.harvey@spr.ca

Results of this petition will be sent to provincial and other government officials and non-profit organizations with an interest in highways, truck parking and the trucking supply chain. Results will also be sent to members of the provincial legislature, and others concerned with our highways. **Your e-mail address will not be published .**

Adding your name to this petition will help strengthen commerce and the trucking supply chain and will benefit all Ontario families & cities, and reduce the risk of truck collisions.

Please forward this invitation to your constituents, businesspersons in your community, and others, as this issue concerns all Ontarians.

Background

SPR's 2018 study on the truck parking shortage applied engineering studies and surveys of 2,300 North American drivers who use Southern Ontario highways to demonstrate that a shortage of between 1,200 and 2,600 parking spaces exist in Southern Ontario.

SPR's 2021 critique of MTO's response to our 2018 report can be viewed at [Asleep at the Wheel](#). All of our reports show how truck parking has been neglected over three governments and the tenure of 11 Ministers of Transportation. MTO's response since 2018 has been to create only **thirteen !** new parking spots and to promise about 200 new spots for all of Ontario over the next 5 years. Our report asks for a more substantial response.

Our detailed proposal for a greater role for municipalities can be viewed at [municipal role](#) .

SPR has a 25+ year record conducting public policy research for Ontario, the Federal Government, and NGOs, on issues such as: civilian oversight of policing; national security programs; international trade; health & safety; equity and racism; automobile manufacturing; housing and planning; family violence; childcare; Indigenous affairs; and other sensitive matters.



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Mr. K. Gibson, Mayor
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November 8, 2021

Dear Sir:

I am writing on behalf of Niagara's Crime Stoppers program to advise you and members of your council that January 2022 is recognized in Canada and other parts of the world as Crime Stoppers Month.

It would be appreciated if you could officially acknowledge Crime Stoppers Month in your community with a proclamation and by flying the Crime Stoppers flag outside your municipal building during January.

We will invite the local media to photograph your presentation of the proclamation to representatives of the Crime Stoppers board at a time and location convenient for you between December 10 and December 20, 2021. Media coverage of this event will serve to remind the public that January is Crime Stoppers Month.

It is our hope to also display the proclamation at a news conference in St. Catharines to official launch of Crime Stoppers Month on January 5, 2022 and we will included a copy of the document in media kits for members of the press attending the event.

During the first week of January, we would like to have representatives of Crime Stoppers attend your flag raising ceremony and distribute photographs of the event to the media in addition to posting the images on the Crime Stoppers web site and other social media platforms.

On behalf of Carlo Zecchini, the chair of Crime Stoppers of Niagara, I have the pleasure of inviting you to attend a public reception at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 13, 2022 at the Grantham Lion's Club in St. Catharines to mark Crime Stoppers Month and recognize a number of individuals who have made significant contributions to Crime Stoppers of Niagara during the past year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you on behalf of the Crime Stoppers board of directors for all the assistance and support you have given to our program through the years and our mission to keep communities safe and secure.

Please contact Sara Stevens, our administrative coordinator at 905-938-5463 should you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Holman", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Peter Holman
Director
Crime Stoppers of Niagara



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November 15, 2021

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

This is to advise that City Council, at a meeting held on October 18, 2021, passed the following resolution regarding liquor licence sales and patio extensions:

"WHEREAS the Covid-19 pandemic has been both a health crisis and an economic crisis; and,

WHEREAS the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO), an agency of the Province of Ontario, regulates licensed establishments; and,

WHEREAS the requirements for temporary extension of a liquor licence sales and temporary patio extensions have been relaxed throughout the pandemic, including downloading of certain approvals to the municipality, and proved beneficial to business operators; and,

WHEREAS the Downtown Kitchener BIA has invested \$600,000 into new downtown restaurant patios and the Belmont Village BIA invested in creating a new pedestrian-only patio experience; and,

WHEREAS the City of Kitchener has provided \$100,000 in business recovery grants to support Kitchener restaurants in adapting their patios to respond to the pandemic; and,

WHEREAS the City of Kitchener has developed a seamless system for approving patio expansion during the pandemic, supporting more than 60 restaurant owners across the city; and,

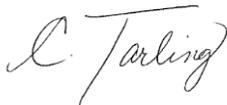
WHEREAS the City of Kitchener would like to provide further opportunities for helping strengthen our economy, continue to support local businesses, and have successfully managed the new licensed-area extension approvals delegated to the municipality;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Kitchener strongly encourages the Province of Ontario to continue the relaxed regulations in perpetuity, including, but not limited to, the following: i) permitting extensions of licensed areas without requiring AGCO approval, subject to municipal authorization; and, ii) flexibility on the requirements for demarcation of the limits of a patio, such as not requiring a prescribed physical barrier;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that should the AGCO propose to complete a comprehensive review of the temporary extension of a liquor licence sales and temporary patio extension regulations, The City of Kitchener wishes to volunteer to participate in any pilot programs that would allow the current regulations that are in effect until 3:00 a.m. on January 1, 2022 to be maintained, as the City would like to continue to show support to our local businesses;

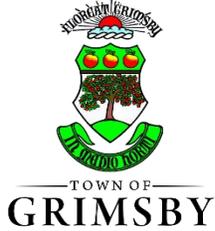
THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Tom Mungham, Chief Executive Officer, AGCO, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Federation of Canadian Municipalities and all other municipalities in Ontario."

Yours truly,



C. Tarling
Director of Legislated Services
& City Clerk

c: Tom Mungham, Chief Executive Officer, AGCO
Monika Turner, Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Joanne Vanderheyden, President, Federation of Canadian
Municipalities
Ontario Municipalities



The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby

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SENT ELECTRONICALLY TO: jkirkelos@lincoln.ca

November 17, 2021

Town of Lincoln
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Beamsville, ON L0R 1B1

Attention: Julie Kirkelos, Town Clerk

Dear Ms. Kirkelos,

RE: 2022 Year of the Garden – Town of Lincoln Resolution

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby at its meeting held on November 16, 2021 passed the following resolution:

“Resolved that the correspondence item ‘Town of Lincoln Resolution - Year of the Garden’ dated October 26, 2021 be endorsed.”

If you require additional information, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Kim', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sarah Kim
Town Clerk

Cc: Local Area Municipalities

November 23, 2021

Tara Stephens
City Clerk
City of Welland
Via email: clerk@welland.ca

Dear Ms. Stephens:

Niagara Region Transit

At their regular meeting of November 15, 2021, Council of the Town of Pelham received your correspondence, and endorsed the following:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive correspondence from the City of Welland regarding Niagara Region Transit, for information;

AND THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Pelham endorses and supports the resolution from the City of Welland regarding Niagara Region Transit;

AND THAT the Town Clerk is hereby directed to circulate a copy of this resolution to the Niagara Region and all local area municipalities.

On behalf of Council, thank you for your correspondence.

Yours very truly,



Holly Willford, BA
Town Clerk

HW/jm

Cc: Ann Marie Norio, Regional Clerk, Niagara Region ann-marie.norio@niagararegion.ca
Area Clerks (*via email*)



November 24, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Room 281
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

RE: Bus Stop Dead End Roads, Our File: T02

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Municipality
of Durham

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Don Beaton, BCom, M.P.A.
Commissioner of Corporate
Services

Council of the Region of Durham, at its meeting held on November 24, 2021, adopted the following resolution:

“Whereas Dead-End Road delegations have been received from parents in attached correspondence, website www.durhamdeadendroadkids.ca and video www.youtube.com/watch?v=_pCVNLsUKk&t=18s noting approximately 386 Durham Region kids and families remain in crisis walking kilometres daily to wait on highspeed roadway shoulders with winter dark coming;

And whereas the Ontario Ministry of Transportation has responded and now amended their Policy to allow and provide guidelines for reversing a school bus on a dead end road <https://www.ontario.ca/document/official-ministry-transportation-mto-bus-handbook/special-safety-precautions-school-bus-drivers> which is in keeping with the previous historic practice of using smaller buses, doing 3-point turns and using a spotter in rural areas;

And whereas to date 10 municipalities across Ontario have passed a resolution endorsing Scugog's bus stops on dead end roads Resolutions CR-2021-086 (April 26, 2021) and CR-2021-175 (June 28, 2021), given family safety challenges exist on dead-end roads throughout the province;

And whereas Report PWIS-2021-022, Williams Point Road and Beacock Road School Bus Turnarounds, be received noting municipal cost for construction of school bus turnarounds is prohibitive with 178 dead end roads now not accessed by Durham District School Board alone not including hundreds of roads around province, and any funds invested in turnarounds would not be consistent with asset management priorities promoted by the Province of Ontario;

And whereas to date Durham Student Transportation Services have not re-considered the previous motions or adjusted their policies, citing Ontario Ministry of Transportation policy changes are “guidelines” only, <https://www.durhamregion.com/news-story/10445254-mto-tweaks-unlikely-to-reverse-scugog-route-changes-dsts/> are not “direction to school boards” <https://www.durhamregion.com/news-story/10445254-mto-tweaks-unlikely-to-reverse-scugog-route-changes-dsts/> , maintaining far-distanced highspeed roadside common stops are safer;

Now therefore be it resolved:

That Council request the Ministry of Education and the Province of Ontario to amend policies requiring Student Transportation Services and School Boards around the Province work with parents to facilitate the use of smaller buses, spotters, and 3-point turns or backing up where necessary, to provide safer service to dead-end and private road children and prevent the need for additional turnarounds to be constructed on municipal roads; and

That a copy of this motion and the staff report from the Township of Scugog be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Honorable Stephen Lecce (Minister of Education), Honorable Caroline Mulroney (Minister of Transport), Durham Student Transportation Services, all school boards serving Durham Region, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott, all Durham MPPs, all Ontario Municipalities, Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA), and Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).”

Please find enclosed a copy of Report #PWIS-2021-022, from the Township of Scugog, for your information.

Ralph Walton

Ralph Walton,
Regional Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

RW/ks

Attachment

c: The Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education
The Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transport
Nadiya Viyiv, Durham Student Transportation Services

Durham Catholic District School Board
Durham District School Board
Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board
Peterborough, Victoria, Northumberland and Clarington Catholic
District School Board
Conseil Scolaire Catholique MonAvenir
Conseil Scolaire Viamonde
Rod Phillips, MPP (Ajax)
Lindsey Park, MPP (Durham)
Laurie Scott, MPP (Haliburton/Kawartha Lakes/Brock)
David Piccini, MPP (Northumberland/Peterborough South)
Jennifer French, MPP (Oshawa)
Peter Bethlenfalvy, MPP (Pickering/Uxbridge)
Lorne Coe, MPP (Whitby)
All Ontario Municipalities
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)
Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
S. Siopis, Commissioner of Works

LAKESHORE B2C

Internet Service Advocacy Group

Wainfleet Twp.: Lakeshore from Bessey to Cement Road

The Township of Wainfleet
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2021.11.28

Attn.: Wainfleet Town Council

Ref.: Wainfleet's Disconnected Internet Community

Dear Wainfleet Council,

We need your help.

Our group represents over 60 households in the Lakeshore Road area between Bessey and Cement Roads. At a delegation presentation made to Council in September the poor internet service level experienced by many residents in this area was made abundantly clear.

While many of us have taken individual actions with our respective ISP (Internet Service Providers) we decided it was time to unite our efforts for greater impact. A committee was formed—now known as Lakeshore B2C—to launch a survey in late October, which had a very strong response. Of the 63 properties on Lakeshore Road from Cement to Bessey (including Sandhill, Camelot, Crescent Heights and Cedar Crest) we received 49 completed surveys, which included contact information, the ISP and the service level the resident is getting.

The results of the survey were not surprising. With the exception of the few people who are able to get wireless broadband internet, the great majority of people in our community have service levels in the < 2.5 Mbps download and < 0.2 Mbps upload range. This, in spite of the fact that the Government of Canada's National Broadband Service Availability map shows this community as having 25/5!

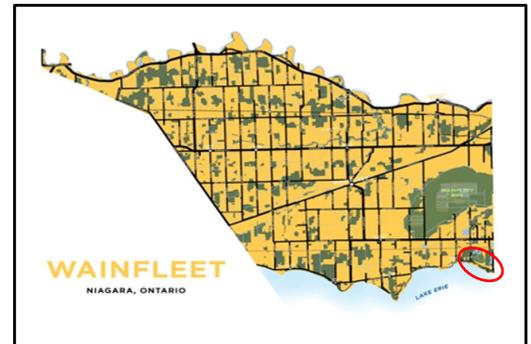
We are asking the Township to advocate to SWIFT on our behalf so they are fully aware of this service gap based on the 2 key findings:

1. The average service levels surveyed is less than 2.5 / .2
 - most of these residents are paying for 5/1, double for the service they are actually receiving
2. The IDES map shows that our area has a 25/5 service level which, were it so, would mean no ISP would bid on it
 - bidders must be made aware that we are VERY under serviced, completely inconsistent with the IDES map

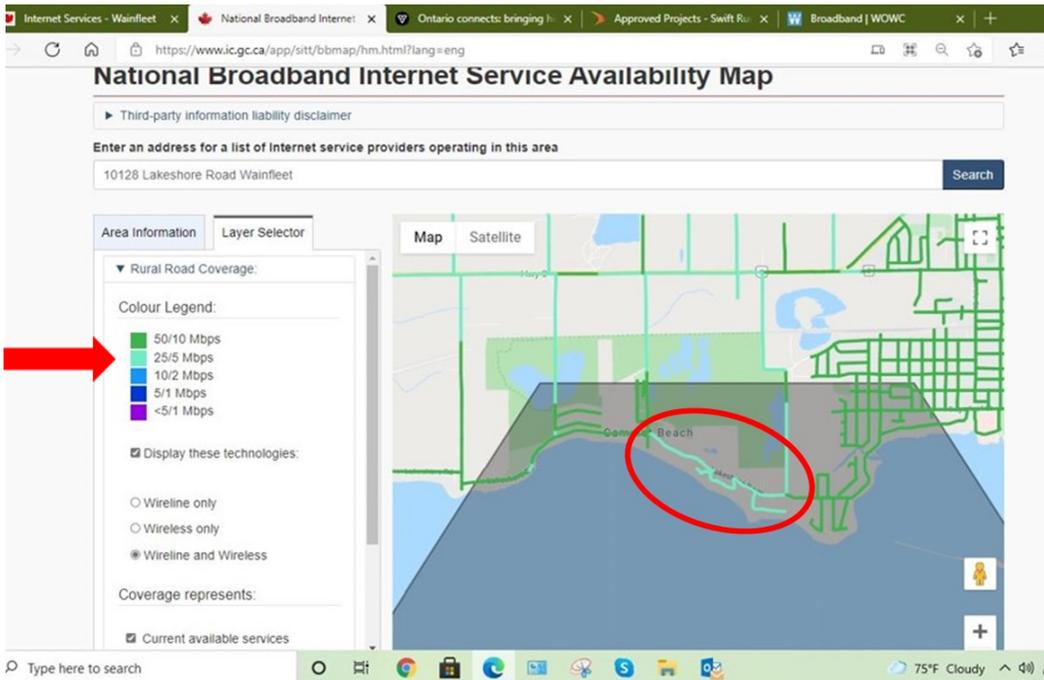
We ask that this be supported by Council at its next meeting and that a letter of support be sent as soon as possible to the SWIFT CAO and/or the SWIFT Board, as you deem most appropriate.

Sincerely,

Mary Barchiesi, Chair



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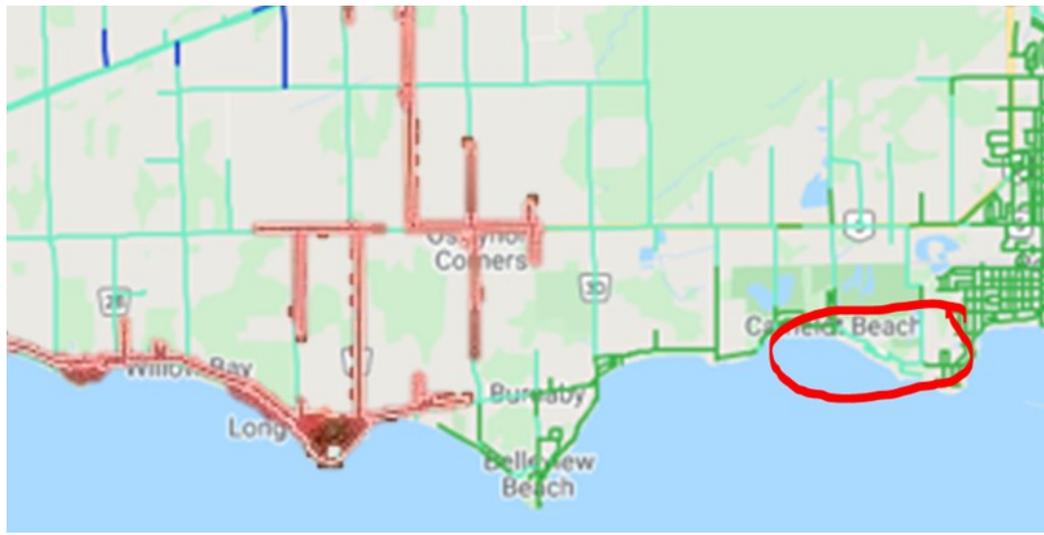


IDES National Broadband Internet Service Availability Map, which **incorrectly** shows 25/5 service level in the Lakeshore B2C area

<https://www.ic.gc.ca/app/sitt/bbmap/hm.html?lang=eng>



Actual Internet Service Level currently enjoyed by residents in the Lakeshore B2C area, based on survey results taken in October 2021. The majority fall into the IDES < 5/1 category, with actual results closer to 2.5/0.2



A partial representation of SWIFT funded improvement initiatives released for Wainfleet Township in 2022 (pink lines). The Lakeshore B2C area is not included