October 7, 2008

Mayor and Members of Hamilton City Council
c/o City Clerk, Kevin Christenson
77 James Street North, Suite 220
Hamilton, ON L8R 2K3

SUBJECT: Burlington’s Council Decisions related to Waterdown/Aldershot Transportation Master Plan

Dear Mayor Eisenberger and Members of Council:

I am sending you this letter to ensure that you are aware of Burlington’s Council decisions related to the Waterdown/Aldershot Transportation Master Plan. While correspondence was sent to Councillor McCarthy on July 5, 2007 and March 20, 2007, as she had been a delegate to Burlington’s Community Development Committee on this item, I have heard that not all members of Hamilton’s Council may have this information.

The relevant resolutions approved by Burlington’s Council follow:

1. The Council of the Corporation of the City of Burlington, at its regular meeting held on Tuesday, July 3, 2007, approved the following recommendations, being Item No. CD-117-07-1:

   THAT the findings of the Phase 2 Waterdown/Aldershot Transportation Master Plan Study Report from Dillon Consulting be received; and

   THAT the Director of Engineering be directed to proceed with Phases 3 and 4 of the Waterdown/Aldershot Transportation Master Plan in conjunction with the City of Hamilton and the Region of Halton, subject to the following conditions:

   (i) THAT Phase 3 of the Waterdown/Aldershot Transportation Master Plan Study evaluate options for a phased implementation of the 4-lane Waterdown Road that would include an initial 3-lane option as illustrated in Figure 1 of Engineering Department Report E-42/07, dated June 6, 2007 along with additional transportation considerations and/or design modifications as follows:

       • Increased road width only from 13.3 meters to 14.2 meters (i.e. minimum road width to accommodate 4-lanes)
       • Inclusion of a multi-use off-road pathway up to 4.0 meters on one side of the road only
       • Detailed evaluation of a counter-flow traffic control option utilizing 3-lanes to provide increased peak hour capacity in order to delay for as long as feasible, or possibly eliminate the need to reconfigure Waterdown Road to four lanes; and
• THAT Hamilton implement a viable public transportation system with a utilization experience of 5% to service the OPA 28 lands at 80% build out; and

ii) THAT prior to build-out of the OPA 28 lands, defined as not greater than 6,500 units, the City of Burlington undertake a separate Environmental Assessment (EA) Study pertaining to the reconfiguration of Waterdown Road to four lanes from Hwy. 403 to Mountain Brow Road; and

(iii) THAT this study have a steering committee and a stakeholder group to include at least three residents of Waterdown Road representing three separate families; and

(iv) THAT Phase 3 of the Waterdown/Aldershot Transportation Master Plan Study evaluate detailed alternatives and confirm a preferred design allowing King Road to remain open as a two lane roadway as illustrated in Figure 2 of Engineering Department Report E-42/07, dated June 6, 2007; and

(v) THAT a cost-sharing agreement with the City of Hamilton for the north-south road improvements be finalized to the satisfaction of the Director of Engineering, City Treasurer and City Solicitor and that the Director of Engineering report back to Council for final approval when an agreement is reached; and

(vi) THAT priority be given to the Phase 3 work required to fully address all of the detailed design questions raised by Waterdown Road residents including, but not limited to, confirmation of the road alignment, impacts to individual properties and land acquisition requirements; and

THAT the Director of Engineering report back to Council on the Phase 3 preferred design alternative for Waterdown Road and King Road as part of consideration and approval of the Phase 4 Waterdown/Aldershot Transportation Master Plan Environmental Study Report; and

THAT the Director of Planning be directed to initiate an amendment to the Burlington Official Plan to clarify the policies relating to Waterdown Road and distribute such draft amendment to residents of Waterdown Road in a timely fashion.

2. The Council of the Corporation of the City of Burlington, at its regular meeting held on Monday, March 19, 2007, approved the following recommendations, being Item No. CD-47-07-1:

THAT staff be directed to report back in May 2007 on the Waterdown Aldershot Transportation Master Plan and the Kern's Road Environmental Assessment (Item CD-47-07-Parts A & B) with recommendations for moving forward with the Environmental Assessment process while incorporating a solution that respects
the rights of affected property owners, beautifies the roadway and calms traffic for public safety and pedestrian access; and

THAT staff report back on the feasibility of increasing the north-south capacity to accommodate OPA 28 growth demands including the following:

- Waterdown Road to be constructed as a 3 lane roadway with bike lanes within a minimum acceptable pavement platform with features, if possible, similar to the Niagara Parkway and which may include multi-use paths and grass boulevards on both sides, centre of the road planted island treatments and roadside streetscape such as ‘grass boulevard, trees, shrubs, etc.

- King Road - review the opportunities of increasing capacity of King Road by developing a 2-lane roadway based on a combined urban road (north of North Service Road to Bayview Park) and a more environmentally sensitive parkway road design standard (north of Bayview Park to Mountain Brow Road above the Niagara Escarpment); and

THAT staff also provide council with the preliminary details of potential residential property impacts related to the proposed widening of Waterdown Road; and

THAT staff also include a consolidated summary of the various issues and recommendations raised by the public in the numerous delegations presented at the February 27th Public Information Centers and the March 5th Community Development Committee meeting; and

THAT staff also report back on other matters related to the future development of OPA 28 Lands in Waterdown including status and requirements for the South Waterdown Sub Watershed Study and a cost sharing agreement with the City of Hamilton.

File: 795-01 (E-25/07)

A Recorded Vote was requested by Councillor Taylor resulting in the following:

IN FAVOUR:  Councillors Craven, Thoem, Dennison, Goldring, D’Amelio and Mayor Jackson.

OPPOSED:  Councillor Taylor.
        (6 in favour; 1 opposed)

RECOMMENDATION CARRIED AS AMENDED

The following items were received and filed at the same meeting:


File: 795-01


Memorandum dated February 23, 2007, from Jennifer Shaw, Committee Clerk, regarding a discussion on the Waterdown/Aldershot Transportation Master Plan Environmental Assessment. File: 795-01

Correspondence dated October 13, 2005, from Guy Sheppard, Chair, Sustainable Development Committee, 3194 Lansdown Drive, Burlington ON L7M 1J9, concerning the staff report recommending Council endorsement of the findings of the Phase 2 Waterdown/Aldershot Transportation Master Plan Study Report. File: 795-01

Confidential memorandum dated February 20, 2007 from Nancy Shea Nicol, Acting City Solicitor, concerning the Waterdown/Aldershot Transportation Master Plan/Kerns Road – Potential Road Closure. File: 160-14

Correspondence dated March 5, 2007, from Brenda Axon, Manager, Watershed Planning Services, Conservation Halton, 2596 Britannia Road, R.R. #2, Milton, ON L9T 2X6, concerning the staff report recommending Council endorsement of the findings of the Phase 2 Waterdown/Aldershot Transportation Master Plan Study Report. File: 795-01

Correspondence dated March 5, 2007, from Guy Sheppard, Chair, Sustainable Development Committee, 3194 Lansdown Drive, Burlington ON L7M 1J9, concerning the staff report recommending Council endorsement of the findings of the Phase 2 Waterdown/Aldershot Transportation Master Plan Study Report. File: 795-01
Correspondence dated March 5, 2007, from Margaret McCarthy, Ward 15 Councillor, City of Hamilton, 71 Main Street West, Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y5, concerning the staff report recommending Council endorsement of the findings of the Phase 2 Waterdown/Aldershot Transportation Master Plan Study Report. File: 795-01

PowerPoint presentation material dated March 5, 2007, from Marianne Meed Ward, 1916 Four Seasons Drive, Burlington, L7P 2Y1, concerning the staff report recommending Council endorsement of the findings of the Phase 2 Waterdown/Aldershot Transportation Master Plan Study Report. File: 795-01

Correspondence dated March 5, 2007, from Genevieve Brassard, 328 North Shore Boulevard West, Burlington, L7T 1A4, representing the Citizens for Responsible Road Infrastructure, concerning the staff report recommending Council endorsement of the findings of the Phase 2 Waterdown/Aldershot Transportation Master Plan Study Report. File: 795-01

PowerPoint presentation material dated March 5, 2007, from Michael Staresinic, 1940 Waterdown Road, RR #2, Flamborough, ON L7R 3X5, representing the Waterdown Road Area Resident's Association, concerning the staff report recommending Council endorsement of the findings of the Phase 2 Waterdown/Aldershot Transportation Master Plan Study Report. File: 795-01

Correspondence dated March 7, 2007, from Jon Kristjanson, 2177 Bonfield Court, L7P 2W7, representing the North Kerns Road Neighbourhood Traffic Committee (NTC), concerning the staff report recommending Council endorsement of the findings of the Phase 2 Waterdown/Aldershot Transportation Master Plan Study Report. File: 795-01

PowerPoint presentation material dated March 5, 2007, from Linda Haldenby, 1884 Village Green, Burlington, L7P 2X9, representing the Tyandaga Community Ratepayers Association (RCRA), concerning the staff report recommending Council endorsement of the findings of the Phase 2 Waterdown/Aldershot Transportation Master Plan Study Report. File: 795-01
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CD-47-07-10 Correspondence dated March 5, 2007, from Rick Breznik, 11 Northlawn Avenue, Waterdown, ON L0R 2H, concerning the staff report recommending Council endorsement of the findings of the Phase 2 Waterdown/Aldershot Transportation Master Plan Study Report.
File: 795-01

CD-47-07-11 Correspondence dated March 5, 2007, from Julie Martin, 1390 Waterdown Road, Burlington, ON L7P 4Z9, representing the Waterdown Road Area Residents Association and Aldershot Community Council, concerning the staff report recommending Council endorsement of the findings of the Phase 2 Waterdown/Aldershot Transportation Master Plan Study Report.
File: 795-01

CD-47-07-12 Correspondence dated March 5, 2007, from Ian Graham, 1959 Creston Place, Burlington, ON L7P 2Y5, representing Sustainable Burlington, concerning the staff report recommending Council endorsement of the findings of the Phase 2 Waterdown/Aldershot Transportation Master Plan Study Report.
File: 795-01

CD-47-07-13 Supplementary information dated March 7, 2007, from Paul Allen, Senior Transportation Engineer, concerning traffic volumes on a number of existing 2-lane and 3-lane roadways.
File: 130 CDC

If you have any questions, please contact Paul Allen at 905-335-7600, ext. 7800.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Kim Phillips
City Clerk

cc. Paul Allen, Senior Transportation Engineer
Leo DeLoyde, General Manager Development and Infrastructure