Date: November 12, 2019

To: Mayor Designate Utley and Members of Council

From: Russ Loukes, P. Eng.
Acting General Manager, Public Works

Re: Response to Letter regarding Johnson Road All-way Stop Control (August 27, 2019 City Council, Item 11.4.26 All-way Stops at Johnson Road and Stephenson Road and Item 11.4.27 All-way Stops at Johnson Road and Hansford Drive)

At the August 27, 2019 meeting of City Council, staff was requested to send letters to residents on Johnson Road for the purpose of receiving their responses and/or concerns with respect to the location of proposed all-way stop controls on Johnson Road.

A letter dated September 12, 2019 was delivered to the forty-three (43) properties on Johnson Road between Colborne Street and Brant County Road #18. Seven (7) responses (16%) were received; five (5) of which support the installation of both all-way stop controls on Johnson Road, one (1) supports the installation of one (1) all-way stop, and one (1) opposes. A summary of the comments provided are as follows:

1. We are in favour of the installation of all-way stop controls at the intersections of Johnson Road and Stephenson Road and Johnson Road and Hansford Drive. We would like to see this solution implemented as soon as possible. In addition, we also request a review of the speed limits on Johnson Road as it is currently higher than other streets in the area. The community is 40km/h, but Johnson Road has a 50km/h limit.

2. We requested speed humps instead of stop signs. I will really have a problem with the stop sign when cars stop and block access to my driveway, especially during school times. I won’t be able to get out of my driveway. Please consider other options.

3. We highly recommend the stop sign approval.
4. This would be a great idea as many children and others usually linger in this area and many cars drive very fast on Johnson Road. I think this would benefit many people and they would appreciate the new stop signs.

5. I believe two all-way stop controls are too much; one is good. We need to slow traffic down, but equally important we need alternate side of street parking. A camera should be installed for automatic speed enforcement. The addition of one all-way stop would be fantastic; posting a 40 km/h speed limit since there’s a park, and alternate side of street parking.

6. In the best interest and safety of our community my family is hoping for this to happen. The amount of non-neighborhood traffic using this road as a short cut is astronomical. Vehicles continue to speed through in total disregard of playing children or those waiting to board or exit a school bus. I believe these stop signs would definitely slow traffic down.

7. Over the last several years I have witnessed a great increase of traffic on Johnson Road. Most of the vehicles that use the road are using it as a bypass between County Road 18 and Colborne Street. During the rush hour periods it can take me several minutes to get out of my driveway because of the amount of vehicles using Johnson Road as a speedy bypass. I am greatly in favour of putting in the all-way stop controls. We have been complaining to our local Councillors for years about our safety concerns. Please help us make our neighborhood a safe place to live.

If there are any questions about the information provided, please contact Indie Hans, Acting Director, Engineering Services.

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