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To: Area residents and those who attended or responded to the Public Information Centre

Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: Upcoming Planning and Works Committee Meeting on August 11, 2020

Approval of plans for Roseville Road Reconstruction – 0.6km west of Fischer-Hallman Road to 0.4km east of Fischer-Hallman Road, Village of Roseville in North Dumfries Township.

The Region of Waterloo is proposing road reconstruction on Roseville Road from 0.6km west of Fischer-Hallman Road to 0.4km east of Fischer-Hallman Road through the Village of Roseville, in the Township of North Dumfries. This project is being undertaken as a Schedule A+ project under the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process. (Please refer to the attached key plan for the proposed project limits). Construction of this project is currently planned for the 2022 construction season.

The Project Team has now developed a final Recommended Design. The purpose of this letter is to advise you that the Region's Planning and Works Committee will consider approval of the Recommended Design at its regular meeting on Tuesday August 11, 2020 at approximately 9:00 am in the Council Chamber, 2nd Floor, Regional Administration Building, 150 Frederick Street, Kitchener. Interested members of the public may address the Planning and Works Committee as a delegation at that time to voice their opinion on this project. The staff report will be available for public review on the Region of Waterloo's web site www.regionofwaterloo.ca after 4:30pm on Friday, August 7th, 2020. Should you wish to appear as a delegation at this meeting regarding this project, please contact Regional Council and Administrative Services at 519-575-4420 or send an email to regionalclerk@regionofwaterloo.ca.

The public was invited to participate in a Public Consultation Center (PCC) for this project on Thursday January 23, 2020. At this event plans for the improvements were presented for public information, public discussion and comment. The Region would like to thank everyone who attended the PCC and provided comments on the proposed improvements.

The main comments received from the community included: the addition of new sidewalk, speed of traffic traveling through the village, and the need for a pedestrian crosswalk on Roseville Road near Fischer-Hallman Road adjacent to the Roseville Community Centre.

Currently, no sidewalks exist on Roseville Road within the village. To promote and encourage walking and to reduce the use of cars, the Region of Waterloo has a Strategic Plan objective to consider continuous sidewalks on both sides of Regional Roads as part of any road reconstruction project in built-up areas. 1.5m wide sidewalks are proposed on both sides of Roseville Road within the project limits in support of the Region's Strategic Plan.

To address comments received at the PCC regarding speed of traffic traveling through the village the project design has been revised to include additional median islands at both the east and west limits of the project to act as traffic calming measures for vehicles entering the Village of Roseville. Although the addition of these median islands will require replacement of additional concrete curb and gutter it was deemed appropriate to address the comments received. Also, passage of large agricultural equipment has been considered in the design of these proposed median islands and a pedestrian refuge island.

To address comments received at the PCC regarding the need for a pedestrian crosswalk on Roseville Road adjacent to the Roseville Community Center staff recommends to maintain the proposed Pedestrian Island. This design element will ensure a safety improvement for pedestrian crossings on Roseville Road. To address the concerns received from the agricultural community the design has been revised to be an island with mountable curb, making it flush with the road surface. Flexible signage will be installed at each end of the island that would have the ability to retract in the event large equipment were to come in conflict. Also concrete curb and gutter on the north and south side of Roseville Road will be replaced with a mountable curb in the area of the island to provide additional clearance for farm equipment.

The inclusion of a three-way stop at the Roseville Road/Fischer-Hallman Road intersection has been assessed. Staff have determined that current traffic volumes at the intersection do not meet the warrant for all-way stop control. There are also no unusual collision patterns to justify the inclusion of an all-way stop. Unwarranted all-way stop control can have many negative effects such as:

- Providing a false sense of security for pedestrians and cyclists, if it is assumed that motorists would come to a complete stop;
- Not result in a safety improvement given that the intersection has operated with few collisions susceptible to correction with an all-way stop;
- Likely increase rear-end collisions;
- Encourage non-compliance of the control;
- Increase in noise resulting from stopping and starting. This is mainly a concern with larger vehicles;
- Increase fuel consumption and emissions from stopping and starting;
- Generate 2-way cut-through traffic on Paul Ave.

A summary of all public comments and Project Team responses have been posted on the Region's website. This summary is included in the staff report that will be available for release to the public on August 7, 2020.

Based on a review of the technical information gathered for this project as well as a review of all public comments received, the Project Team is now recommending that Regional Council approve the following improvements on Roseville Road in North Dumfries Township:

- Major asphalt rehabilitation of Roseville Road from 0.6km west of Fischer-Hallman Road to 0.4km east of Fischer-Hallman Road;
- Maintain existing 1.25m wide on-road cycling lanes on both sides of Roseville Road within the project limits;
- Storm sewer spot repair at a single location;
- New 1.5m wide concrete sidewalk on both sides of Roseville Road within the project limits;
- Pursue property acquisitions along private residence frontages as required to complete the proposed works;
- Pedestrian refuge island east of Fischer-Hallman Road adjacent to the Roseville Community Center;
- Median islands on Roseville Road at east and west Village limits;
- Installation of a waterproofing membrane on the existing concrete box culvert at 3250 Roseville Road;
- in-fill street lighting on existing utility poles to provide additional illumination;

Pending approval of the Recommended Design by Regional Council, and upon receipt of required technical and financial approvals, it is tentatively proposed to complete construction of these improvements in May to October 2022. Following project approval Region staff will pursue the property acquisitions along private residence frontages as required to complete the proposed works. You will receive further notification concerning the timing of construction, traffic restrictions and contact information prior to the commencement of construction. Another letter will be distributed to provide residents and property owners with information regarding the final construction details contact information during construction and associated access and detour requirements.

If you have any questions regarding the proposed reconstruction or if you wish to receive more information at this time regarding the Project Team's responses to the public issues and concerns, please contact Jeff Nyenhuis at (519) 575-4735.

Yours truly,



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Appendix A – Key Plan

