



The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle

<b>Date</b>	September 6, 2017	<b>Report No:</b>	PW-29-17
<b>Directed To:</b>	Mayor and Members of Council	<b>Attachments:</b>	~ resident email request to appear before Council ~ additional resident email
<b>Department:</b>	Public Works	<b>Policy References:</b>	
<b>Prepared By:</b>	Peter Marra, P.Eng. – Director of Public Works		
<b>Subject:</b>	Todd Lane/Elmdale Traffic Signal – Resident Request		

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council not proceed with additional landscaping at this intersection at the Town's expense.

**REPORT:**

This report is prepared in response to a request from residents (copy enclosed) on Todd Lane near Elmdale with respect to the newly constructed traffic signals. The traffic signals are nearing completion with the exception of the final signal appurtenances installation and final restoration.

An email request was received through the Clerk's office on August 21 2017. In where there is a request for the residents of the affected area on Todd Lane wishing to appear before Council to request that "council to approve, to supply and install trees, shrubs, etc. of our choosing to help obstruct and view of 8 traffic signal heads, more important to buffer the traffic noise and pollution from idling". An additional email was received on August 29, 2017 also enclosed.

There is no submitted proposed plan/drawing or any indication of what exactly the type of trees or shrubs the residents wish to choose, how many, arrangement, location, etc.

On all capital work projects, the Town is responsible for restoration of area disturbed during construction. There are a number situations that have occurred throughout the years in where the Town has removed gardens, trees, shrubs, etc. that was planted on the Town portion of the right-of-ways to accommodate the proposed project. In all circumstance, the Town only ever replaced the disturbed areas, with topsoil and grass to match the existing conditions. The Town has never placed special plantings, trees, shrubs, etc. to accommodate resident's special request.

In fact, during the reconstruction of Huron Church Line, with the reconfigured signals that were installed at both Normandy and Cousineau/Disputed, the former Town engineer was also posed with the request to do special plantings at those locations, and at the time, nothing was completed with the expectation of grass restoration. This further once more happened again when Laurier Parkway at Malden Road was reconstructed and the residents on the corners again asked for special plantings and all that was completed was grass restoration. In both circumstances, the traffic signals are adjacent to existing residential houses.

There are a number of issues with doing special plating's on this Town capital works project, one being the additional cost and another at this location is safety. At a signalized intersection, there are additional issues to mention and most importantly is safety for vehicle visibility and site lines for safe turning movements.

In addition, as per the request to "obstruct the view of 8 signal heads" it should be noted, that the signal heads are placed 3.5m to 5.5m above grade. Placing a tree or shrub of such a magnitude may be difficult. Furthermore, the home at 2000 Todd Lane already has a few very large mature trees in the front yard with an evergreen tree directly in line with the proposed signal pole and 1990 Todd Lane has a well establish cedar tree row along their east property.

Council should further note, that as part of this project we are installing pedestrian signal near 1890, 1910, 1885 Todd Lane. The Town has not received any request for additional landscaping in that location however, pending the outcome on this we may need to add additional money to address this other location as well.

It is the Administrations recommendation not to proceed with any special planting at the Elmdale/Todd Lane intersection as requested.

Respectfully submitted,



Peter Marra, P.Eng.  
Director of Public Works

Reviewed by:							
CAO	Treasury	Clerks	Public Works	Planning	Cult. & Rec.	Building	Fire

## Peter Marra

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**From:** Brenda Andreatta  
**Sent:** August-23-17 11:15 AM  
**To:** Peter Marra  
**Subject:** Fwd: proposed Traffic Lights on Todd Lane

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Leo Ditty [REDACTED]  
**Date:** August 21, 2017 at 10:39:42 AM EDT  
**To:** Brenda Andreatta <[bandreatta@lasalle.ca](mailto:bandreatta@lasalle.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: proposed Traffic Lights on Todd Lane

We would like to schedule our council meeting for Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>. We are going to ask council to approve, to supply and install Trees, Shrubs, etc. of our choosing to help obstruct and view of 8 traffic signal heads, more Important to buffer the Traffic noise and pollution from idling Vehicles. Thank you Leo Ditty

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

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**From:** Brenda Andreatta  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2017 2:58 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: proposed Traffic Lights on Todd Lane

Good afternoon Mr. Ditty:  
Could you be more specific as to the nature of your presentation to Council? For example, are you opposed to the installation of the lights? location of the lights? Administration requires this information in order to complete a report to Council. Please advise at your earliest opportunity.

Brenda Andreatta  
Director Council Services/Clerk  
Town of LaSalle

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-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: August-10-17 10:48 AM  
To: Brenda Andreatta <[bandreatta@lasalle.ca](mailto:bandreatta@lasalle.ca)>  
Subject: proposed Traffic Lights on Todd Lane

We the residents of Todd Lane wish to speak as a group at the August 22 Council meeting regarding the installation of traffic lights at the corner of Todd Lane and Elmdale and Third Sts. regards Leo Ditty, Roberto Peticca and Patrick McGuire. thank you. please reply if this is a GO

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Origin: <http://www.lasalle.ca/en/contacts/search.aspx?s=eGfVCrPSj3guelx0aTb0ggeQuAleQuAl>  
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This email was sent to you by Leo Ditty [REDACTED] through <http://www.lasalle.ca/>.



**Peter Marra**

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**From:** Peter Marra  
**Sent:** September-07-17 2:05 PM  
**To:** Peter Marra  
**Subject:** FW: Lights on Todd lane

**From:** "Peticca, Roberto" <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** August 29, 2017 at 1:34:45 PM EDT  
**To:** Brenda Andreatta <bandreatta@lasalle.ca>  
**Cc:** 'Michael Akpata' <makpata@lasalle.ca>, "Chevalier, Lisa" <[REDACTED]>, 'Leo Ditty' <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: Lights on Todd lane

Hi Brenda,

I would like to thank you and councillor Akpata for taking the time and assisting the residents of Todd Lane at Elmdale in resolving what we feel are important issues with the affects from the recent installation of a signalized traffic light at this location.

As councillor Akpata indicated below some of our concerns relate to the strategic installation of a few trees and shrubbery surrounding some of the traffic light infrastructure, Knowing that we are aware of the locations of any greenery could not affect the maintenance or operation of the traffic light system. this in our opinion would assist in alleviating two of what we feel are important concerns.

Primarily it would help in maintaining the beautification of the homes as it relates to curb appeal and it would help minimize on the noise that will be generated from the vehicles and trucks revving motors when they stop and start due to the traffic light changing to a red light.

We feel that this is not a lot to ask for and are hoping that the above request can be granted.

looking forward in working together towards this solution and responses

Regards

Roberto Peticca | Traffic Signs and Markings Supervisor

-----Original Message-----

From: Michael Akpata [mailto:makpata@lasalle.ca]

Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 9:01 AM  
To: Peticca, Roberto  
Cc: Brenda Andreatta  
Subject: Lights on Todd lane

Sir,

As per our conversation I spoke with the Clerk Ms. Brenda Andretta in order to determine the way forward. I informed Ms. Andretta of the discussion that you and I had in regard to the traffic control device that was being placed on Todd Lane and that you understood that the project would be completed. I made her aware that your request was for some type of beautification around the light in order to maintain the feel of the area.

Ms. Andreatta indicated to me that you could contact her via email to explain what you were proposing. I have attached her email for your reference.

Respectfully,

Mike Akpata  
Councillor Town of LaSalle