

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LASALLE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL ADDENDUM

Tuesday, March 28, 2017, 7:00 PM Council Chambers, LaSalle Civic Centre, 5950 Malden Road

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B.	PRESENTATIONS			
	*2	HYDRO ONE NETWORKS INC.		
		Jake Zink, Forestry Services Supervisor, Hydro One, appears before Council to provide information on the Hydro One 2017 Transmission Line Improvements and Emergency Vegetation Maintenance Work in the Town of LaSalle.		
	3.	PROPONENT-DRIVEN CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) ADDENDUM REPORT FOR THE BOUFFARD AND HOWARD PLANNING DISTRICTS		
		*a.	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	4
			Additional correspondence has been received from delegate, S. Maheux.	
			Delegations: S. Maheux and J. Pisani	
E.	REPORTS / CORRESPONDENCE FOR COUNCIL ACTION			
	*10	FIRE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES		
		RECOMMENDATION That the recommendations contained in the minutes of the Town of LaSalle Fire Committee Meeting held March 24, 2017 BE APPROVED.		

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March 27, 2017

Mayor Ken Antaya and Members of Council Town of LaSalle 5950 Malden Road LaSalle, ON N9H 1S4

Hydro One 2017 Transmission Line Improvements and Emergency Vegetation Maintenance Work in the Town of LaSalle

Dear Mayor Antaya and Council:

In April, Hydro One will begin transmission line improvement work and emergency vegetation maintenance on its 230 kilovolt (kV) electricity transmission corridor in the Town of LaSalle. A map of the transmission corridor and the vegetation maintenance project area is attached for your reference.

The transmission line improvement work within the Town of LaSalle is part of a larger refurbishment project on this power line between Chatham-Kent and Windsor. This project involves replacing aging components, such as insulators, as well as cleaning and coating tower foundations and the steel towers themselves to ensure the integrity and longevity of these critical assets. Crews will begin their work in mid-April and plan to complete the project in stages, subject to the ability to de-energize the transmission line to ensure a safe working environment. This transmission line improvement project is expected to be completed in December 2017. Local residents will not experience a power interruption as a result of this work, as supply to local distribution stations will be rerouted.

As well, Hydro One has a responsibility to keep vegetation clear of power lines to ensure public and worker safety, service reliability, and compliance with industry and regulatory standards. Hydro One has assessed the vegetation conditions on this corridor and has identified some vegetation that has reached a height that poses an imminent risk to the safe, reliable operation of this important transmission line that supplies power for customers of EnWin Utilities, Essex Powerlines Corporation and Hydro One. As such, Hydro One needs to conduct emergency 'make safe' work on the corridor between LaSalle's Brunet Park and Malden Transformer Station in the City of Windsor. This emergency work will begin in early April and will take two weeks to complete. Additional vegetation maintenance will likely be required by the end of 2017 to ensure the ongoing integrity and reliability of the system.

Hydro One consults with authorities such as the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF), local forestry staff and conservation authorities to identify any environmental features required for consideration in advance of executing its vegetation maintenance projects. In this area, the MNRF has indicated this corridor could include species at risk.

To that end, Hydro One has received approval from the MNRF for a two-stage approach which includes immediate emergency 'make safe' vegetation maintenance while Hydro One completes environmental field studies to develop a long-term vegetation maintenance program for this corridor. We want to reiterate that the immediate work this spring will focus only on vegetation that could potentially compromise safety and cause an unnecessary power outage if left untreated before the start of the growing season. Once the long-

term plan has been developed and discussed with local officials, the remainder of the vegetation management work would be undertaken later in 2017.

We look forward to discussing this work with Council at its meeting on March 28. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 1-877-345-6799 or by email at Community.Relations@HydroOne.com.

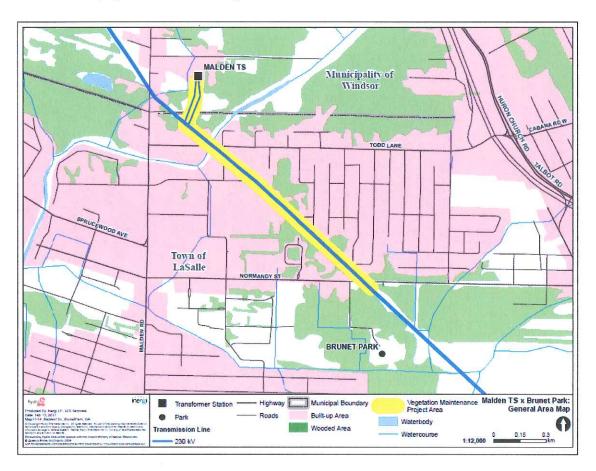
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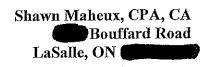
Natalie Poole-Moffatt VP of Corporate Affairs Hydro One Networks Inc.

Attach.

cc:

Kevin Miller, Chief Administrative Officer Brenda Andreatta, Director of Council Services/Clerk Neil Anderson, Hydro One Forestry Manager Ani Bekmezian, Hydro One Community Relations Officer





March 25, 2017

Town of LaSalle 5950 Malden Road LaSalle, ON N9H 1S4

RE: Bouffard Howard Planning Districts Class Environmental Assessment Addendum Final Report - Concerns

Dear Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councilors of LaSalle,

By way of introduction, my name is Shawn Maheux, and my family and I have been proud long term residents of LaSalle. My wife and I, along with our 3 children, reside at Bouffard Road. We purchased this property from my parents approximately 5 years ago.

On March 7, 2017, Dillon Consulting, released a final report which is going before you this Tuesday (March 28th) at your regularly scheduled Council Meeting.

The purpose of this letter is to draw your attention to a significant concern that I have with the proposed plan. Specifically, the plan presents, as a 'preferred solution,' a new 'major collector road' that runs north/south between the Reaume Road/Sandwich West Parkway Extension and Laurier Parkway. This new 'major collector road' cuts through properties on Bouffard Road.

As homeowner's, I am sure you can already appreciate my concern. My wife and I purchased our home because of the quietness and privacy that Bouffard provided. The properties in this area are highly coveted and Bouffard Road has been a significant source of tax payer dollars for well over 30 years. Having grown up in this home and then subsequently buying it from my parents, I would never have imagined a 'major collector road' cutting through our properties. While I understand another roadway connecting North and South is vital to further expansion in LaSalle and to relieve pressure on roadways such as Malden, I highly encourage you to review alternative solutions!

My concerns are summarized below:

- 1) Loss of Privacy. Please consider if a major collector road was placed next to your home. How would you feel? We have already lost privacy when the new Laurier Parkway was constructed. The traffic noise from that road as well as the loss of natural scenery is substantial.
- Reduction in Property Value. This new roadway would reduce the value of our home as well as our neighbours at the expense of homes and taxpayers that currently do not exist. It is very easy to overlook existing roads and homes to generate future expansion and additional tax dollars! I encourage you not to overlook residents of Bouffard Road which have been providing high tax dollars for well over 30 years!

- Curvature of the Roadway. The proposed roadway itself does not make sense. The roadway would intersect Bouffard road across from our property and would have to bend at a near 90 degree angle to pass along our next-door neighbour's home. Unless there are plans to expropriate our properties and/or run pavement through our front yards this plan visual does not line up with the plans on paper. Please I encourage you to drive along Bouffard Road with a map of the proposed road expansions and visual inspect where this major collector road would intersect Bouffard.
- Safety. We have 3 young children. Trying to take them on a walk down our road is already near impossible given the lack of sidewalks, road shoulder and no direct access to the newly built Laurier Parkway trail. Bouffard Road is a known speeding area. I have had to call the police multiple times because of the concern of high speeding vehicles. Just recently, I had to attend to a victim of a car accident that was ejected from his vehicle when his truck travelled over the ditch into the tree across from our property. Speed was a contributing factor. Now we are at risk of having an even busier roadway heading south directly aimed at the front of our home. Should a car ever not successfully make the turn around the proposed bend, they will end up in our front yard or home!

I was also surprised to learn that none of our neighbours were aware of this plan. Likely because a letter was not received until 1 week ago. Please know our neighbourhood is well aware of the plans now. Through discussions with our neighbours who attended previous meetings, this roadway is newly added; it was never part of the original plans in the fall of 2016.

I am meeting with Larry Silani and Peter Marra of the Township of LaSalle on Tuesday, March 28 at 4:45 pm at Town Hall. Larry has been diligent in ensuring he could find time to meet with me and I look forward to him explaining the report in more detail on Tuesday. This will not, however, change our concerns about the new major roadway but hopefully help us to understand the plans in further detail.

In conclusion, I draw your attention to the concerns our family has with this new 'major collector road'. I understand my concerns are also shared with the neighbourhood. I encourage you to consider an alternative solution for a new 'major collector road' that does not impact current homeowners. There is a significant amount of open field and farmland that is located on the east side of our road. There is also an established road (i.e. Disputed) that provides North/South access. Placing a major roadway through well-established properties just does not make sense.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I can be contacted at should you wish to discuss further. I plan on attending the meeting this Tuesday and I hope my concerns are discussed.

Sincerely,

Shawn Maheux, CPA, CA

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Bouffard Road

LaSalle, ON

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LASALLE

Friday, March 24, 2017

Minutes of a meeting of the Town of LaSalle Fire Committee held this date at 10:30 a.m. in the Sandwich West Conference Room 236, Town Civic Centre, 5950 Malden Road, LaSalle, ON.

Members of the Committee present: S. Desjarlais; T. Burns, Chairperson.

Administration present: Fire Chief D. Sutton; Deputy Chief E. Thiessen; Joe Milicia, Director of Finance.

Regrets: Mayor Ken Antaya

Pecuniary Interest

None.

Minutes

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the meeting held January 26, 2017.

Desjarlais/Antaya

That the minutes of the LaSalle Fire Committee meeting held January 26, 2017. BE ADOPTED as printed. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Radio Communication Update

There are no outstanding communication issues. Replacement pagers will arrive in April.

At the request of T. Burns, a letter will be sent to all staff of LaSalle Fire Service offering thanks for their patience with the radio issues.

Fire Prevention Officer Succession Mentoring Program Update

Posting for the position of Fire Prevention Officer is expected to be posted next week. Chief Sutton acknowledge the help of Human Resources with this job posting.

REPORTS

Second Station Location Analysis

Chief Sutton presented Report to Council FIRE 17-01 – Second Fire Station Location.

Burns/Desiarlais

That the report of the Fire Chief regarding FIRE 17-04 – Second Fire Station Location, including the Hazel St. location as the preferred location for the construction of the new satellite station BE SUPPORTED IN PRINCIPLE by the Fire Committee and RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL, and that administration BE AUTHORIZED to proceed with public consultation, including the critical analysis process of the municipally owned potential sites, and preliminary site plan drawings prior to final approval by Council.

Carried.

Fire Substation - Financial Plan

J. Milicia presented Director of Finance report FIN-07-2017 – Fire Substation – Financial Plan.

Burns/Desjarlais

That the report of the Director of Finance FIN-07-2017 – Fire Substation – Financial Plan BE RECEIVED by the Fire Committee and that RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL is Option A - 10 year financing and debt repayment plan to include both the Fire Substation and Community Room. Carried.

OTHER ITEMS

CEMC Update

Chief Sutton provided updates regarding the reorganization of the emergency management division of the Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management Ontario. There is now an Emergency Management Director position held by Michael Morton and the new Field Officer for our region is Christopher Pape.

Part of remaining in compliance with Emergency Management Ontario requires amending our current Emergency Management Program By-law to appoint committee members to the Emergency Management Committee and also naming a chair of the committee. Chief Sutton will draft this By-law.

The Emergency Planning Committee will also be working on a Continuity of Operations plans to be included as an appendix to our Emergency Response Plan.

Upcoming Marine Exercise

LaSalle Fire will be participating in marine exercise training sessions provided by Canada HMCS Hunter and the Harbour Master. This will include various realistic marine response scenarios on the Detroit River. This exercise is scheduled for April 7-9, 2017.

Fireworks By-law

Recent updates have been made to the Fireworks By-law. It will be reviewed by the By-law Committee in the near future and then forwarded to Council.

Training Props

A standpipe and sprinkler system has recently been installed in our Fire Training Dome by one of our volunteer firefighters. All of the materials for this project were donated by Simplex Grinnell; the company that the firefighter is employed by. A thank you note has been sent to the company.

OTHER BUSINESS

Fire Training Dome Roof Fabric

Deputy Thiessen informed the committee of the damages incurred during a recent storm to the roof fabric on the fire training dome. Options and pricing currently in the process of being investigated through the supplier.

Burns/Desjarlais

That administration BE AUTHORIZED to investigate insurance coverage, and proceed with replacement of the roof fabric on the fire training dome structure damaged during the recent severe weather.

Carried.

Next Meeting

As per the 2017 meeting schedule the next Fire Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 4, 2017 unless otherwise called by the Chair.

<u>Adjournment</u>

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

S. Desjarlais, Committee Member

S. Nantals, Secretary