

The Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton - Council Meeting

Agenda Number: 7.1
Number: 23-17-03
Title: Notice of Motion – Durham Street Pedestrian Safety
Date: Tuesday, August 29, 2023

Moved By: Gregory J. McLean
Seconded By: Mitch Clark

Whereas Bruce County Road 4 is the busiest thoroughfare in Bruce County;

And Whereas, Bruce County Road 4 adjoins with Durham Street East in the Town of Walkerton requiring a bridge to connect the two roads over the Saugeen River;

And Whereas, the Saugeen River Trail runs along either side of the bridge, and is widely used by residents and visitors;

And Whereas, the bridge is located in a prominently busy area of the Town of Walkerton, frequently used by pedestrians to cross Durham Street East as there are no other alternatives to cross the road at that location, and/or to cross to access the Saugeen River Trail;

And Whereas, there are currently no traffic calming markings, or crosswalk indicators at the intersection which creates a hazard for pedestrians;

And Whereas, Bruce County have identified deterioration with the bridge, and plan to replace the bridge over the next two years, with construction currently planned for the Spring of 2025;

And Whereas, the Council of the Municipality of Brockton passed Resolution 23-01-07 on January 10, 2023 noting concerns for the safety of pedestrians, and preference to act proactively to resolve possible hazards and causes for accidents and/or injury by formally requesting that Bruce County consider traffic calming measures that can be implemented at the intersection of Durham Street East and Bruce County Road 4 prior to the scheduled rehabilitation of the Durham Street Bridge;

And Whereas, as a result of staffing changes at Bruce County, further consultation that has occurred within the community regarding preferred alternatives to maintain connection to downtown Walkerton and Bruce County Council directing that a second opinion be obtained from engineers regarding alternatives for the Durham Street Bridge rehabilitation project, the Council of the Municipality of Brockton are reconsidering this resolution;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby request that Bruce County reconsider any traffic calming measures that can be implemented at the intersection of Durham Street East and McNab Street prior to the scheduled rehabilitation of the Durham Street Bridge.

And further that a copy of this resolution be distributed to Bruce County, B.M. Ross and Associates Ltd, Triton Engineering, the Brockton Police Services Board, and the South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment to keep all parties apprised of the concern.

Carried

Original Signed By
Mayor – Chris Peabody