

The Regional Municipality of Waterloo

Sustainability, Infrastructure, and Development Committee

Summary of Recommendations to Council

The Sustainability, Infrastructure, and Development Committee recommends as follows:

1. WHEREAS the Region of Waterloo is in the process of completing the purchase of a 160-acre farm in Wilmot Township (the Farm) as part of an industrial land strategy (the Land Assembly) and subject to the Region's confidentiality obligations.

AND WHEREAS the Region of Waterloo recently plowed under the corn crop on the Farm, which was estimated to be 5 or 6 weeks away from harvest (the Event),

AND WHEREAS this Event appears to be in direct contradiction to the Region of Waterloo's Strategic Plan 2023-2027 Growing with Care vision,

AND WHEREAS this Event appears to conflict with the goals in the Province's Grow Ontario: a provincial agri-food strategy,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Region of Waterloo commits to ensuring, with respect to crops on any further farms purchased through the Land Assembly, that the first consideration will be assessing whether the crop can be harvested, and a suitable use found for the yield, and that the outcome of such assessment will be provided to Regional Council before any action is taken;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Regional Council receives a report within 4 weeks of this motion outlining what occurred including what actions were taken to mitigate the loss of crops with respect to the Event, and that this report be made public and subject to the Region's confidentiality obligations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, going forward, Regional Council will be provided with advance notice of any further work occurring on the lands purchased by the Region of Waterloo through this Land Assembly.

2. That the Regional Municipality of Waterloo approve the proposed changes on Benton Street (Regional Road #6) from Courtland Avenue (Regional Road # 53) to Charles Street (Regional Road # 64) and on Frederick Street (Regional Road #6) from Weber Street (Regional Road #8) to Lancaster Street (Regional Road #29) as outlined in Report TSD-TRP-24-009 dated August 13, 2024:
 - a. Repurpose the road space by reducing the travel lanes from four lanes to two lanes and add painted reserved single directional bicycle lanes.
 - b. Upon construction, amend the Traffic and Parking by-law 16-023;
 - i. Add to Schedule 22 - Reserved Lanes, Benton Street (Regional Road 6), from Courtland Avenue (Regional Road 53) to Charles Street (Regional Road 64), Both Sides, Anytime, Bicycles;
 - ii. Add to Schedule 22 - Reserved Lanes, Benton Street (Regional Road 6), from Courtland Avenue (Regional Road 53) to Charles Street (Regional Road 64), Both Sides, Anytime, Bicycles;
 - iii. Add to Schedule 22 - Reserved Lanes, Benton Street (Regional Road 6), from Courtland Avenue (Regional Road 53) to Charles Street (Regional Road 64), Both Sides, Anytime, Bicycles;
 - iv. Add to Schedule 22 - Reserved Lanes, Benton Street (Regional Road 6), from Courtland Avenue (Regional Road 53) to Charles Street (Regional Road 64), Both Sides, Anytime, Bicycles;
 - v. Remove from Schedule 1 – No Parking, Frederick Street (Regional Road 6), from King Street to Duke Street (Regional Road 63), North Side, Anytime;
 - vi. Remove from Schedule 1 – No Parking, Frederick Street (Regional Road 6), from King Street to Duke Street (Regional Road 63), North Side, Anytime;
 - vii. Remove from Schedule 1 – No Parking, Frederick Street (Regional Road 6), from King Street to Duke Street (Regional Road 63), North Side, Anytime;
 - viii. Remove from Schedule 1 – No Parking, Frederick Street (Regional Road 6), from King Street to Duke Street (Regional Road 63), North Side, Anytime;
 - ix. Remove from Schedule 1 – No Parking, Frederick Street (Regional Road 6), from King Street to Duke Street (Regional Road 63), North Side, Anytime;
 - x. Remove from Schedule 1 – No Parking, Frederick Street (Regional Road 6), from King Street to Duke Street (Regional Road 63), North Side, Anytime;
 - xi. Remove from Schedule 1 – No Parking, Frederick Street (Regional Road 6), from King Street to Duke Street (Regional Road 63), North Side, Anytime;

- xii. Remove from Schedule 1 – No Parking, Frederick Street (Regional Road 6), from King Street to Duke Street (Regional Road 63), North Side, Anytime;
- xiii. Remove from Schedule 7 – No Stopping, Frederick Street (Regional Road 6), from 38.5m east of King Street to Duke Street (Regional Road 63), South Side, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday to Friday;
- xiv. Remove from Schedule 7 – No Stopping, Frederick Street (Regional Road 6), from 38.5m east of King Street to Duke Street (Regional Road 63), South Side, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday to Friday;
- xv. Remove from Schedule 7 – No Stopping, Frederick Street (Regional Road 6), from 38.5m east of King Street to Duke Street (Regional Road 63), South Side, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday to Friday; and
- xvi. Remove from Schedule 7 – No Stopping, Frederick Street (Regional Road 6), from 38.5m east of King Street to Duke Street (Regional Road 63), South Side, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.

That staff be directed to:

- c. Develop a long-term plan for separated cycling facilities along the Benton-Frederick corridor and for improved pedestrian and cycling access to the Frederick ION station, to be implemented as part of the future reconstruction of Benton Street and Frederick Street.
3. That the Regional Municipality of Waterloo amend the Traffic and Parking By-law 16-023, as amended, to add to Schedule 1 (No Parking), No Parking Anytime on both sides of Snyder's Road East (Regional Road 6) from 1.2 km east of Notre Dame Road (Regional Road 12) to 1.8 km west of Trussler Road, in the Township of Wilmot as outlined in Report TSD-TRP-24-011, dated August 13, 2024.

August 13, 2024