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Town of Halton Hills Responses to submitted questions and concerns regarding increased truck traffic resulting from earth movement between 102 Confederation St. development to Bishop Ct. Development and from Megan McMaster Development to Stull Farm on 8th Line

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Q1: Are trucks allowed to work on weekends?

A1: The Town's Noise Bylaw permit construction related activities to occur on Saturdays from 8am to 6pm. Work is prohibited on Sunday's and Statutory Weekends. We are aware of the weekend which is being utilized by the contractor to help shorten the duration of the hauling of fill material to the Bishop Crt. site.

Q2: How can trucks be monitored to ensure they are not carrying more fill than allowed?

A2: The trucks are being monitored by the Contractor and Town Staff. The trucks hauling material have sufficient weight capacity to hold a larger volume material than their box can handle.

Q3: How can it be enforced to have the trucks tarp their load?

A3: This was an issue that was identified the first day of hauling and was immediately resolved by the Contractor speaking to the drivers. Drivers who continue to fail to use their tarp or the third axle would be removed from the site. Staff have not observed any issues with utilizing the tarps since.

Q4: Will the Town hold the developers and Mr. Stull accountable for repairing the roads? and how does this work?

A4: Yes, the Town is holding securities from all the Development projects and the Site Alteration permit. Should we encounter road damage or break up of the road the Developers will be responsible for making the necessary repairs. If they fail to make the repairs to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Transportation and Public Works, Staff will arrange for the work to be completed on their behalf at their cost utilizing the available securities.

Q5: There are non stop trucks moving from 102 Confederation St. to Bishop Ct. Now that we have dark mornings and darkness as of 5:00 pm, How do we protect pedestrians who

need to walk on these haul routes in the morning and evening (Confederation St. and 8th Line).

A5: Similar to any situation where pedestrians and vehicular traffic are sharing space, additional care and attention is required by both the drivers and pedestrians. We have discussed this concern with the Developer and Contractor who advised the drivers to take extra caution during the dark hours. It is always recommended that pedestrians wear reflective clothing when walking on the road in the dark, regardless of the truck traffic. Further, the hauling of material to Bishop Crt. will soon finish and the next phase utilizing Wildwood Rd. will start. Wildwood Rd. does have a walkway for pedestrian.

Q6: Could the \$200,000 that Glen Williams Estates (102 Confederation St. Developer) is giving the town for a sidewalk be used now to create some type of temporary footpath on Confederation St. N to help ensure the safety of residents?

A6: Based on the existing road allowance width, there is currently insufficient room to safely create a new dedicated sidewalk or walkway for pedestrian, even on a temporary basis. Through the detail design phase for the Confederation St. reconstruction project, one of the challenges Staff will need to address is how to create space within the road allowance for a walkway while maintaining drainage and mitigating impacts to private properties. To create room on a temporary basis, one of the existing ditches would need to be filled in or relocated on private lands which is not feasible.

Q7: Residents have seen the blue trucks moving from 102 Confederation St. to Bishop Ct. at speeds greater than 50K. How do we put a stop to the speeding? Numerous residents have written about needing to quickly get off Confederation St. in order to remain safe.

A:8 Staff have been monitoring speed and have not witnessed the truck excessively speeding. Our observations are that the loaded trucks climbing the hill to Bishop Crt. struggle to approach the speed limit and on the return trip the drivers are maintaining their speed. However, for the next phase if speeding concern continue the Town may install speed monitoring equipment. The Developer and Contractor have advised us that any drivers caught speeding will be removed from the project.

Q8: A Mountain St. resident wrote in that she no longer feels safe to turn from Mountain St. south on Confederation St. As you recall there is a crest there that the GWCA had mentioned repeatedly to the Town would be a danger both during and post construction. She was almost t-boned by a blue truck coming out of 102 Confederation St. turning north. There are also other examples related to this dangerous crest that we have not highlighted here. Would a stop sign at the Mountain St. intersection help?

A8: We will speak to the Developer and Contractor about reminding drivers to yield the right of way when leaving the site. During the preliminary review of the Subdivision, the sightlines for the proposed new roadway were evaluated by the consultant, utilizing Transportation Association of Canada guidelines, and no concerns with visibility were identified. During the detailed design of the Confederation St. reconstruction project, items like all-way stops will be discussed and the Town will look at the sightlines for Mountain St.

Q9: From a site management perspective for 102 Confederation St. there is a lot of concern about dust moving across the Glen as far as the cemetery. It is understood with development construction there will be dust, however the expense of taking the northern ridge down and flattening a natural valley system is bringing an excessive amount of dust. Can there be any watering down done or other solutions to help with this?

A9: During windy days the contractor was adding fresh gravel to the internal haul routes to minimize dust from moving equipment and spraying water with a water truck. This effort will continue for the duration of the project. Tracking dirt onto the road has been very minimal so far and any tracking has been addressed through sweeping and flushing in a timely manner.