

**RE: DAGMAR FOREST LAKERIDGE ROAD ENTRANCE
DRCC REQUEST FOR ENTRANCE IMPROVEMENTS YEAR 2020**

From: Bruce MacDonald
Sent: September 8, 2020 9:57 AM
To: Matthew Darling <Matthew.Darling@durham.ca>
Cc: Durham Region Cycling Coalition <durhamrcc@gmail.com>; Doug Robertson <Doug.Robertson@durham.ca>; Steven Kemp <Steven.Kemp@durham.ca>; John Fisher <john.fisher@durhammountainbiking.ca>; Ron Lalonde <ron@durhamsafecycling.ca>; Derek Lee ,Dave Barton <dbarton@town.uxbridge.on.ca>; Willie Popp <wpopp@uxbridge.ca>
Subject: Re: A new project that will incorporate further widening/turn lanes on Lake Ridge?

Matt,

Our TRCA rep for this issue has been;

Deanna Cheriton

deanna.cheriton@trca.on.ca

Let me know if you have any other questions.

Bruce

On Tue, Sep 8, 2020, 9:45 AM Matthew Darling <Matthew.Darling@durham.ca> wrote:

Hi Bruce,

Thank you for reaching out. I am in the process of finalizing the Regions response to your below request. I should be in a position to be able to provide you with the details next week. In the interim, could you kindly provide me with your contact at TRCA?

Thank you,

Matt

Matthew Darling, P.Eng

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From: Bruce MacDonald

Sent: Friday, September 04, 2020 2:49 PM

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Subject: Re: A new project that will incorporate further widening/turn lanes on Lake Ridge?

Matt Darling,

Back in February you mentioned that your project was in the design/evaluation phase.

Could you please bring us up to date where it stands regarding the possibly of providing access to the Dagmar North Forest off Lake Ridge Rd?

Just FYI over the summer Uxbridge Mayor Barton and a few Uxbridge counselors, invited a few members of the DMBA (myself and John Fisher) and TRCA rep on a video meeting discussing the ongoing parking issues along the Uxbridge 7th concession. I mentioned your project on Lake Ridge Rd, plus how it might allow TRCA to ultimately build a proper parking lot for their Dagmar North Forest property and eliminate the on-road parking on the narrow 7th concession.

Could you please provide us an update.

Respectfully,

Bruce

On Thu, Feb 13, 2020, 9:19 PM Durham Region Cycling Coalition <durhamrcc@gmail.com> wrote:

Thanks Matthew for getting back to us.

Just FYI as background, this is an outstanding project that TRCA (Toronto Region Conservation Authority) wanted to build back in the 2010/2011 time frame and also still wants to build. This would allow TRCA to build a parking lot to service their Dagmar South Forest property, which is currently land locked with private land owners on 3 sides (other than their Lake Ridge entrance)

Their plan is to build a parking lot, with an entrance off of Lake Ridge Rd, which is their only public access point to their property. They formally requested the region for permission to use their existing

entrance (west side of Lake Ridge) and about 700 meters south of Chalk Lake Road. However in the 2010/2011 ish time frame, they were turned down by the region because of site lines. We believe all that is required is a center turn lane, similar to what was just built on Lake Ridge at Pickering 7th concession and Columbus Rd.

We know that Lake Ridge Rd does not come up for rework/upgrade very often and we don't want to miss this opportunity. As I mentioned before, if you need us (DMBA/DRCC) to present to regional council or any regional committees, we will gladly do so. (we've done this in the past, with the request coming from the Region Trails/AT committee to send our request formally to staff for consideration). I believe it was also sanctioned by Regional Council. (we have contacts and meeting minutes if you need any of those - &/or speak to Mr Robertson). I've CC the current Regional AT committee chair Ron Lalonde if you need anything from him.

We also have the contact person's information for TRCA, if needed and they are very familiar with this outstanding request.

Let us know if you have any questions.

Bruce MacDonald for DMBA/DRCC

On Thu, Feb 13, 2020, 2:35 PM Matthew Darling <Matthew.Darling@durham.ca> wrote:

Good Afternoon Bruce,

I have had the below email forwarded to me from Doug. As Reuben is no longer with the Region of Durham, I will be the project manager looking after this project. I wanted to send you this response to let you know I am aware of your request and will be reviewing as part of our project. As our project kickoff meeting commenced today I do not have any further information to provide to you at this time however will be in touch once we have a chance to examine the feasibility.

Please feel free to reach out to me should you have any questions,

Regards,

Matt

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From: Bruce MacDonald

Sent: Thursday, February 06, 2020 9:29 PM

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Subject: A new project that will incorporate further widening/turn lanes on Lake Ridge?

Dear Mr. Robertson,

With reference to our letter of May 25, 2018, copy attached, Item 3 refers to the future widening of Lake Ridge Rd (south of Chalk Lake Road) and consideration for the inclusion of turn lanes to the Dagmar North property. This would encourage the TRCA to construct a new parking lot with safe road access provided.

Recently, we have noticed a new project that will incorporate widening/turn lanes on Lake Ridge in the vicinity of Chalk Lake Road. Consequently, we would be pleased to know if our previous request for turn lanes into the Dagmar North property will be incorporated in this project.

If, unfortunately, no turn lanes are planned for the Dagmar North property could you suggest what further steps we could possibly take to have the turn lanes included. Perhaps reaching out to the Project Manager or approaching regional council or relevant committees.

As an aside Items 1 and 2, which would be the creation of a simple mountain bike trail on the Lake Ridge Road road allowance and limited parking on the dead-end Pickering Uxbridge Town Line Road are still on our wish list. Regrettably, the City of Pickering is not responding to our enquiries, possibly to avoid offending the local property owners who, it would appear, have taken it upon themselves to erect their own No Parking signs. Their efforts may have come from their frustration to a local fill site at the end of this dead end road.

Please let me know your thoughts regarding Item 3. I have noted the Project Manager as Reuben Shanthikumar.

Bruce

CC DMBA John Fisher, TRCA rep,
Project Manager - Reuben Shanthikumar