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RE: Springwater Township Midhurst Water, Wastewater & Transportation Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Phases 3 and 4 Public Information Centre comments.

DATE: December 5th, 2016

The Township of Springwater Midhurst Water, Wastewater & Transportation Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Phases 3 & 4 Public Information Centre was held on October 18th, 2016 at Snow Valley Ski Resort. City Engineering Department staff attended the event and have reviewed the background information and prepared the attached letter of response (attachment 1) with input from Traffic and Parking Services.

Public input and comments on the Class EA will be received until December 1, 2016. The attached letter was forwarded to Class EA consultant Ainley and Associates on November 28th, 2016 on behalf of the City. For additional information please follow the link www.springwater.ca/msp.

If there are any questions, please contact Lorrان Cooney at extension 4514, or e-mail Lorran.Cooney@barrie.ca.


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Re: Township of Springwater Midhurst Water, Waste Water & Transportation Class Environmental Assessment (Phase 3 & 4) Public information Center (PIC) – October 18th 2016.

City of Barrie staff have attended the PIC and reviewed the information on the Township web site www.springwater.ca/msp. This letter is to advise you of our comments regarding the proposed transportation options.

This PIC has identified the Doran Development (Area 1 & 2) and Carson Development Area (Area 3) within the Midhurst settlement plan. The City is requesting additional information/clarification with regards to the proposed future traffic generation associated with the expanding settlement area and its' impact upon existing City transportation corridors such as Ferndale Drive, Anne Street, Bayfield Street and St. Vincent Street. This information will also be assessed in the update of the City of Barrie Multi Modal Active Transportation Master Plan (MMATMP).

Please find the City's comments with regards to the PIC below:

1. The presentation boards at the PIC did not clearly illustrate the proposed timing for the transportation improvements.
2. The background Transportation Study Section 2.2. did not appear to account for traffic volumes on Anne Street. This road is a direct link into the City and is suspected to be a preferred route for the Carson Development Area. Please advise why this route is not being considered as a major transportation link in the proposed secondary Transportation Plan.
3. Please clarify why the Draft Traffic Operational Analysis selected only the Bayfield Street corridor to determine annual transportation growth rates for the overall secondary plan. The Forbes Road growth rate is indicated to be higher and is understood to be the primary traffic route for the Doran Development area.
4. Section 4.3.1 indicates that trips from the Carson development area will be routed through the residential area and not along boundary roads to the employment lands located along Snow Valley Road. The information provided on the PIC slides and presentation indicated that Anne Street will not be extended through to Snow Valley Road for vehicle transportation purposes. Please confirm that the development area will have a single local street access to the employment land area of Snow Valley Road and that there are no intentions of extending Anne Street north to Snow Valley Road
5. Section 4.3.2 Trip Distribution & Assignment indicates that 70% of the "to and from" traffic trips would be from the south of Midhurst. The report also indicates the Carson Road development area including employment lands will use Highway 26/Bayfield Street, Anne Street or Wilson Road as the prime routes with 20% of the trips expected to use Anne Street as a route both to and from. Table 4.3.1 reflects the proposed trip distribution; however the existing traffic assessment has not considered traffic growth on Anne Street.

6. Draft Traffic Operational Analysis has not accounted for Saturday trips. The proposed Midhurst Development appears to be planned with minimal retail shopping uses. The City of Barrie would be the nearest destination on weekends for family and home essentials. Anne, Bayfield and St. Vincent Street would all be impacted during peak travel periods. Please update the Operational Analysis to account for Saturday trips.
7. The PIC presentation slides did not accurately indicate what road improvements are planned for Anne or St. Vincent Street. Figure 13 indicates Anne and St. Vincent Streets to be reconstructed in Stage 3 but does not clearly indicate what is being constructed. Please clarify number of lanes, bike lanes, sidewalks etc.
8. Please provide clarification as to the estimated start time of Phase 1 - Stage 3.
9. Please clarify how the County of Simcoe Transportation Master Plan has been considered. There does not appear to be any consideration for transit or the expansion of municipal transit into the Community.

The City is pleased to see that the transportation plan has accounted for active transportation and that the proposed bicycle lanes identified will align with the City's future active transportation plan on the boundary roads of Ferndale Drive, Anne Street and St. Vincent Street.

Thank you for the opportunity to attend the Public Information Meeting and provide comments. Please continue to keep the City of Barrie informed of the Class EA project process.

If you wish to discuss the comments, please feel free to contact Mr. Lorrان Cooney at (705) 726-4242 or e-mail Lorran.Cooney@barrie.ca

Yours truly,



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Midhurst – Water, Wastewater & Transportation

Development Phasing and Staging Projections – Map

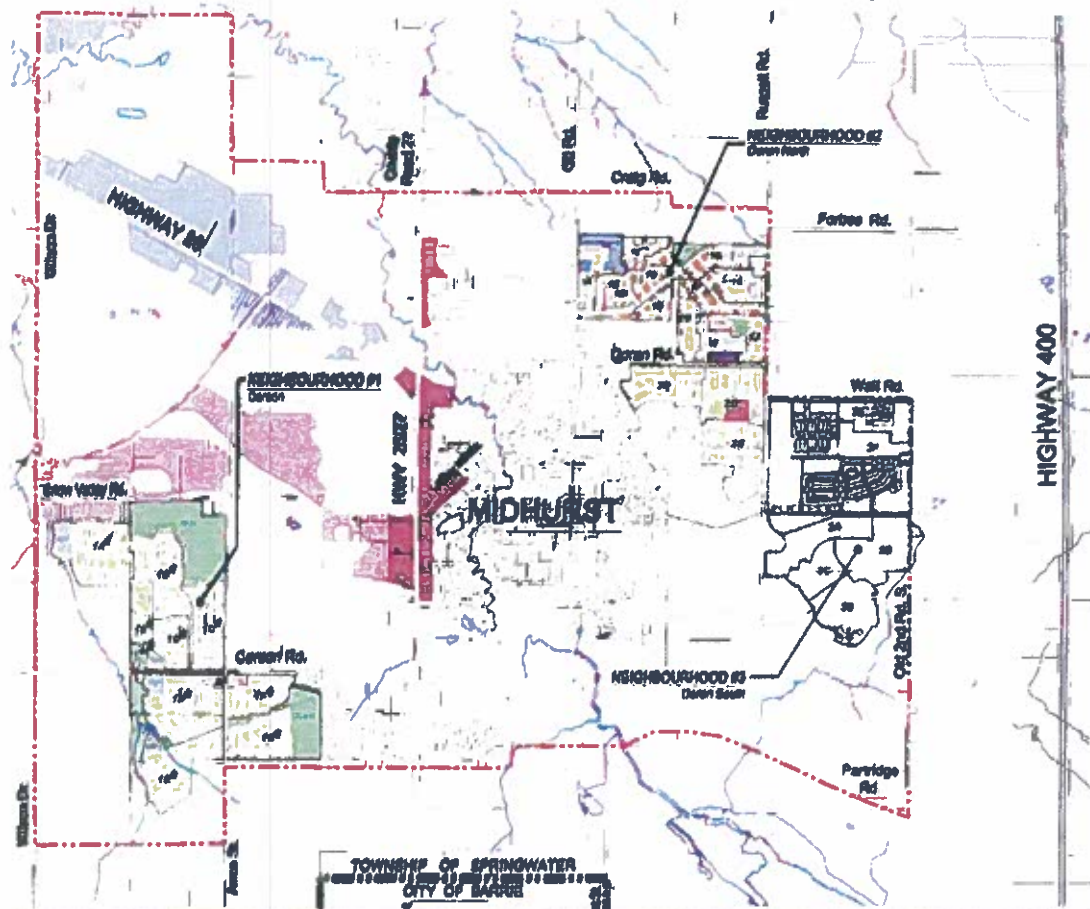


Figure 1.