



**the
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of
the Township
of Wellesley**

4639 LOBSINGER LINE
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February 9, 2006

Regional Municipality of Waterloo
150 Frederick St., 2nd Floor
Kitchener, Ontario
N2G 4J3
Attention: Kris Fletcher, Director, C & AS / Regional Clerk

Regarding: Township of Wellesley Motion # 32

Dear Kris

Please be advised that the following resolution was passed at the regular meeting of the Wellesley Township Municipal Council held on January 31, 2006.

“That the Council of the Township of Wellesley forward communications from Larry Gravill and Dave Geil, Fire Chief, Township of Wellesley to the Region of Waterloo for their consideration.” Carried

If you require additional information or clarification, please feel free to contact me at (519) 699-4611 at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

Susan Duke, C.A.O./Clerk, Director of Planning

cc: Joe Nowak, Councillor
Ross Kelterborn, Mayor

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLESLEY

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MOTION NO.: 32

January 31, 2006

MOVED BY: Ross Kelterborn

SECONDED BY: Dusan A. Cizman

THAT the Council of the Township of Wellesley forward communications from Larry Gravill and Dave Geil, Fire Chief Township of Wellesley to the Region of Waterloo for their consideration. Carried

Joe Nowak
Mayor or Chairman

Carried X
Defeated

Notes:

Recorded Vote Requested By: _____
In Favour Opposed

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Mr. K Seiling, Regional Chair,
Region of Waterloo
150 Frederick Street,
Kitchener ON N2G 4J3



March 23, 2000 – November 19, 2005

Dear Mr. Seiling,

We are the parents and grandparents of five-year-old Emma Ringrose who was killed in an accident at the junction of Ament Line and Herrgott Road in Wellesley Township on November 19, 2005. We have decided to write directly to you because of the extreme importance of this issue to us. As you may know, this tragedy resulted from a driver failing to stop at the stop sign on Ament Line. We are aware of the discussions that have already taken place in regards to increased safety measures at this intersection, and are very appreciative of the time and consideration of both the Wellesley Township Council and the Waterloo Regional Council. We however feel compelled to share some of our concerns in hope that they may be taken into account in any decision that may be made regarding this dangerous intersection.

Although this intersection already has an oversized stop sign and a flashing light, neither caught the attention of the driver in question. Both the investigating police officers and the coroner indicated that if the accident had occurred split seconds earlier, we could well have had five fatalities instead of one. Had the driver of the other vehicle entered the intersection seconds earlier or later, we would have had a near miss, and we would probably not be writing this letter to you.

We are aware of the accident statistics, and understand that there have been a number of serious accidents at this intersection. In fact, one of those other accidents involved two of the signers of this letter, George and Lynda Lorentz, who, although their vehicle was written off, were thankfully not injured. However, it is important to take into account the near misses that happen at this dangerous intersection frequently. We have learned that on the day of Emma's funeral, friends traveling from Elmira to St. Clements to attend the service were nearly hit by a transport truck that failed to stop at this same intersection.

We are concerned that many drivers, for one reason or another, are missing the stop at this junction. We believe that a simple measure such as the installation of rumble strips would catch the attention of drivers and alert them of the upcoming intersection. This would prevent more accidents, and inevitably more fatalities. We believe that rumble strips are very effective in catching one's attention because they are both felt and heard, as opposed to relying entirely on the driver's vision.

Our loss of Emma has compelled us to ensure that sufficient precautions are taken to prevent another accident at this intersection. We believe that the installation of relatively

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low cost rumble strips on east-west Ament Line, and "dangerous intersection" signage on north-south Herrgott Road would be effective measures. We request that the Council pay urgent attention to this matter, and would be grateful to learn what actions the Region plans to take.

We greatly appreciate your serious consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Pam & Geoff Ringrose

Pam Ringrose *Geoff Ringrose*

Lynda & George Lorentz

Lynda Lorentz *George Lorentz*

Susan & Peter Ringrose

Susan Ringrose *Peter Ringrose*

- cc: Thomas Schmidt, commissioner of Transportation & Environmental Services
- Nancy Button, Supervisor of Traffic Engineering
- Mike Murray, Chief Administrative Officer
- Larry Gravill, Chief of Police, Waterloo Regional Police
- Constable Doug Buckley, Waterloo Regional Police
- Mayor Ross Kelterborn, Wellesley Township
- Mayor William Strauss, Woolwich Township
- Dave Geil, Wellesley Township Fire Chief

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Grace Kosch

From: kross@region.waterloo.on.ca
Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2006 2:36 PM
To: Grace Kosch
Subject: Fw: Ament Line and Hergott Road

Info. Ross

----- Original Message -----

From: "Larry Gravill" [Larrygravill@bell.blackberry.net]
Sent: 01/26/2006 03:45 PM
To: "Ross Kelterborn" <kross@region.waterloc.on.ca>
Subject: Ament Line and Hergott Road

Your Worship - as a follow-up to our conversation this morning I would like to reiterate my view that measures taken to raise the awareness of drivers regarding stop intersections have the effect of increasing road safety. There are a number of traffic collision counter-measures that can be applied at Regional road , stop-signed intersections and each of those strategies has my support ,from larger signs, flashing lights , as well as "rumble strips". The vehicle collision rate and the traffic volume provide part of the criteria for implementing certain measures but I am in support of all the strategies that I mentioned previously, in order to increase the potential to save lives and reduce injuries.

Sent via BlackBerry on the Bell Mobility network

January 27, 2006.

Dear Ross,

As per our telephone conversation regarding close calls at the intersection of Ament Line and Herrgott Road, I have heard of quite a few. The following is an account of my own experience there while I was driving a fire truck to a call.

Approximately 20 years ago, I was driving the pumper on the way to a call in Wallenstein with lights and sirens going. I came over the hill proceeding north on Herrgott and there was a car heading west on Ament. I let off the gas because I didn't know if the car was going to stop. It seemed as if he was slowing down for the stop sign so I accelerated again. As I approached closer to the intersection the car pulled right out in front of me! I swerved to the right and had to go behind the car to get around it! It was already halfway through the intersection. That was the most hair-raising situation I've experienced there. I've been to many calls over the years using that intersection where people have stopped and then proceeded through the intersection in front of a fire vehicle. I'm not sure why this happens.

The intersection has good visibility, however, people seems to misjudge the distances there on a far too regular basis. I've also been at that intersection and watched as people don't even see the stop sign and go straight through it without even slowing down.

In my opinion, noise or no noise, rumble strips there are a must since visual signage seems to mean nothing to a lot of drivers.

Dave Geil

Fire Chief

Township of Wellsely