

## Appendix B Letters of Support

Con Cast Pipe  
Community Oriented Policing (COP) Committee  
Cathy McNabb and Hans Juergensen  
Duff's Presbyterian Church



**CON CAST PIPE**

October 22, 2012

County of Wellington Council

74 Woolwich Street

Guelph, Ontario

Subject: Employee Safety, Brock Road and Highway 401, Puslinch

Dear Council members:

On behalf of Con Cast Pipe I support the local initiative to enhance road safety within the Brock Road, Highway # 6 South corridor.

Con Cast Pipe is located on the North West corner of Brock Road and Highway 401. Since our inception in 1989 the traffic on this North South section of road has increased exponentially. My request is to make sure safety measures to accommodate the increase in truck and automobile traffic are addressed.

Business owners and residents of this area share similar concerns. There are no doubt ways to enhance the safety for our employees. With over 200 employees, numerous sub trades and suppliers entering and exiting our property six days a week, I want to make sure this community is doing all we can do to make our roads safe.

I understand there are ways to control speed for those travelling in this area. Using Community safety signs combined with increasing the size of existing signage have to help, and hopefully this may lead to additional speed abatement measures including installation of proper lighting, banners and street furniture designed to slow down traffic.

We enjoy the privileges of being a part of this Community, and look forward to working with Citizens, Staff and the Ministry to make it better for everyone.

I thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Brian Wood

President

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October 25, 2012

The Mayor and Councillors  
Puslinch Township  
Aberfoyle, Ontario.

Dear Mayor and Councillors:

For the past six months or so, the Puslinch COP Committee has been actively involved in assisting Mr. Bill Knetsch in his endeavours to install traffic calming measures in the Village of Morriston.

As you are aware, the last 5 to 6 km of the Highway 6 South between the 401 and the 403 is a two-lane highway with either narrow gravel shoulders or, in the village of Morriston, houses and businesses very close to the road. Highway 6 South carries in excess of 30,000 vehicles per day, including a large percentage of trucks.

Depending on the time of day, there are two very different problems impacting the residents of Morriston, both those living and working on the highway and those having to cross it. Firstly, the traffic congestion during daylight hours created by the narrowing of Highway 6 South, south of Puslinch, from 5 lanes to two and, secondly, the excessive speeding through the village in the evening and night hours. Both in their own way create dangerous situations for the residents of the village.

At a recent meeting with various stakeholders, including representatives of the MTO, the suggestion was made to install Community Safety Zone signs to create a safer environment for both those travelling through Morriston and those living there. We, as a Committee, are in full support of whatever measures can be taken to make Morriston safer for its residents.

The COP Committee looks forward to your support and assistance in moving the application for Community Safety Zone signs ahead as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

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October 19, 2012

To Whom it May Concern:

We are writing to express our concern about the increased traffic congestion and potential for further accidents and injuries on Highway 6 South through the village of Morriston.

We have been residents of Morriston for over 10 years. During this time we have seen traffic along Highway 6 increase to the point where there is usually a steady stream of vehicles from Freerton to Highway 401 all day, especially north-bound. When the traffic is not slowed to a crawl due to this congestion, we observe vehicles, especially large transport trucks, speeding through the area, seemingly oblivious to the 50km / hr speed limit.

South-bound vehicles attempting to turn east on Badenoch Street, at the traffic light in Morriston, are often observed doing so at great risk as they are forced to try to make the turn on an orange light, or between vehicles speeding to get through that orange light.

We understand that a request has been made to install Community Safety Signs in the Morriston corridor. We would like to express our support for that, and for any other traffic calming measures that can be implemented in our community.

Sincerely,

Cathy McNabb and Hans Juergensen  
40 Badenoch Street, Morriston, ON

**Duff's Presbyterian Church,  
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**November 22, 2012**



**To Whom it may concern**

**A steady increase in the amount of traffic on Brock Road at the 401 has raised safety concerns for those who access the church parking lot at Duff's Presbyterian Church, 319 Brock Road in Puslinch.**

**Accidents have already occurred and this past Fall several near misses have also been recorded.**

**As a church, we would petition the Ontario Provincial Police to create a 'community safety zone' on Brock Road in front of the church. We had communicated our concerns to a community meeting held this past October, coordinated by Bill Knoesh. We have now been encouraged to take this step of asking for a community safety zone.**

**Duff's Church is used by the community well beyond those who attend church. The Elora Festival Singers rehearse at the church twice monthly, and another community choir from Kitchener of 35 members uses Duff's every Tuesday. A community bazaar draws 300 – 400 people every Fall. It was at the community bazaar two years ago that an accident occurred in front of the church. Similarly, during renovations three years ago, another accident occurred in front of the church. A parish nurse program serving the church and the larger community holds events three times a month for Seniors. Numerous family events including birthday parties, weddings, funerals and family celebrations are held throughout the year. The church is used at least two or three times on a weekly basis by church or community groups from all over southern Ontario, (including a fiddle orchestra of 46 members) because it is a central meeting place.**

**In addition, Sunday worship attracts 80 – 100 people and Thursday night attracts 20 people for the choir practice itself.**

**We noticed an increase of traffic concerns during the recent construction on the 401 which resulted in the timing change of the traffic lights on the 'on ramp' located to the south of the 401. Traffic was literally backed up well past the church itself. With the increased traffic that will come when new businesses are opened along Brock Road (soon the Maple Leaf warehouse will be opening) traffic safety in front of the church will be an increasing issue.**

**We look forward to your response.**

**Rev. Marty Molengraaf**

**Duff's Presbyterian Church**

# Appendix C Recent MPP and MTO Correspondence

Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott  
Private Member's Resolution

Minister of Transportation Bob Chiarelli  
Correspondence of November 14, 2012



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ONTARIO

Queen's Park  
Toronto, Ontario

**HAND DELIVERED TO  
THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION  
IN THE ONTARIO LEGISLATURE**

October 1, 2012

The Hon. Bob Chiarelli  
Minister of Transportation  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Ferguson Block  
77 Wellesley Street West  
Toronto, ON M7A 1Z8

Dear Minister:

I am writing to bring your attention to Member's Statement which I made in the Legislature on September 11, concerning the Morriston bypass. A copy of my statement is enclosed.

As you are aware, Highway 6 is an important economic corridor which links the 401 to the Hamilton and Niagara regions, as well as to the U.S. border. However, this highway is currently a bottleneck through the community of Morriston. This has a negative impact on our regional economy which depends on the flow of goods through this corridor.

Due to the importance of this corridor to the region's economic growth, I once again ask you to put the Morriston bypass on to the Ministry of Transportation's five year plan and to commit to moving forward with this important project.

I also wish to inform you of a meeting I attended on September 28 in Morriston, organized by William Knetsch. Mr. Knetsch owns Enver's of Morriston Restaurant, a fine dining restaurant and he did a superb job of bringing together local government officials, OPP, and provincial government officials.

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We had an excellent discussion, which went on for more than 2 hours. Enclosed is an email message addressed to you from Mr. Knetsch, which eloquently summarizes many of the points that were made.

We need immediate installation of "traffic calming" measures through Morriston to slow down truck traffic in particular, and we need your help to put the Morriston bypass on your Ministry's 5 year construction plan.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Ted Arnott, MPP  
Wellington-Halton Hills

TA:dr

Encl:

Cc: Mayor Dennis Lever, Township of Puslinch  
Brenda Law, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer for the Township of Puslinch  
William Knetsch



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**Mr. Ted Arnott:** As I begin my 23rd year of service in this House, I want to thank my constituents for granting me the privilege of speaking on their behalf in this place.

I return to an issue I've raised many times: the need for a bypass around the community of Morriston in Puslinch township, south of Guelph. This project would realign Highway 6 south of the 401, bypassing the congested two-lane section through Morriston. This portion of Highway 6 is currently a bottleneck, with traffic jams that often stretch for several kilometres. Highway 6 serves as an important economic corridor, linking the 401 to the Hamilton and Niagara regions as well as to the US border. It is vital to the economy of a large portion of southern Ontario.

On May 29, Mayor Dennis Lever, other municipal representatives and I met with the Minister of Transportation in his office. Working together, we followed up yet again on this vital project, asking when the project will be placed on the ministry's five-year construction plan.

This traffic jam in Morriston happens to be in my riding, but the congestion impacts many other ridings as well. I am soon going to be writing my neighbouring colleagues in the House to ask for their support, as the project will benefit their ridings just as much as it will benefit our area. We are also working with others who have an interest in this project, to get them to speak up.

The environmental assessment has been done. Property acquisition needs to be accelerated. The government plans to spend \$2.4 billion on highway infrastructure this year. We need our fair share, and we need to know when we're going to be on the ministry's five-year plan.



**NEWS RELEASE**

**Ted Arnott, MPP  
Wellington-Halton Hills**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
October 10, 2012**

## **MPP Arnott tables resolution on Morriston bypass**

(Queen's Park) – Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott is continuing his efforts to help address the worsening traffic problem in Morriston.

On October 4, Mr. Arnott tabled a resolution in the Ontario Legislature which calls upon the Minister of Transportation to place the needed Morriston bypass onto the Ministry's 5 year plan for highway construction and to implement immediate measures to calm traffic and improve safety for Morriston residents.

"Our objective is to get the Morriston bypass on to the Ministry of Transportation's 5 year plan," Mr. Arnott said. "I'm going to continue do everything in my power to ensure that the Minister is well aware of the importance of this project to our entire region and to get this project moving forward."

The resolution means that the Morriston bypass issue is now on the Legislature's Order Paper and is considered to be business before the House.

"This gives us another tool to highlight the importance of this issue and to ensure that the need for the project remains front and centre at the Transportation Minister's office," explained Mr. Arnott.

Mr. Arnott has repeatedly argued that the Morriston bypass is a project with important economic implications across the region. Highway 6 serves as an important economic corridor to the Hamilton and Niagara regions, leading to the U.S. border.

The project is strongly supported by the Township of Puslinch Council. In May, Mr. Arnott, Mayor Dennis Lever, Councillors Ken Roth, and Wayne Stokley, and County Councillor Don McKay met with Transportation Minister Bob Chiarelli to discuss the need for a bypass.

On September 28, Mr. Arnott also attended a community meeting in Morriston to discuss how to get the project moving forward and the need for interim measures to ensure safety of residents.

To continue building momentum, last month Mr. Arnott also wrote to other area MPPs whose ridings would benefit from the project in an effort to get them on board.

"This is not just another infrastructure project," Mr. Arnott argued. "This is a project that has clear economic benefits for much of Southern Ontario. It is past time for the Minister to get behind this project."

The Ontario Government has budgeted \$2.4 billion for highway infrastructure for the 2012-13 fiscal year.

*(Attached: Text of Mr. Arnott's resolution which was tabled October 4, 2012.)*

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**Ted Arnott, MPP**  
**Wellington-Halton Hills**

**Text of the Private Member's Resolution Tabled in the Ontario Legislature,  
October 4, 2012**

**Mr. Arnott - That, in the opinion of this House, the Minister of Transportation should prioritize the Highway 6 Morriston Bypass project by placing it on the Southern Highways Program, the Ministry's five-year investment plan in highway construction for Southern Ontario; and in the short term, support immediate measures to calm highway traffic through Morriston in the Township of Puslinch.**

**Subject:** Highway #6 Morriston Corridor

The Hon. Bob Chairelli  
Minister of Transportation

Honorable Minister I want to personally write you in regards to the Morriston corridor #6 Highway. This letter is to keep you directly informed with our mandate and progress.

We had a meeting last Friday September 28th. The focus of this meeting was to install immediate and short term solutions to the growing and serious problems concerning the highway #6 Morriston corridor. It was attended by all council members and the Mayor of Puslinch, MPP Ted Arnott, OPP, Wellington County planner, County Development Officer, MTO traffic and corridor officials. At this meeting it was agreed that the MTO officials will work closely with our County planner, to implement immediate and short term solutions in accordance with our Provincial road laws, then set up another meeting in the near future on all items that have the approval from the MTO. We will then seek financial support from your Ministry and other levels of government to finance this project.

This brings me to our long term solution. The Highway #6 Morriston by-pass, I own and operate Enver's of Morriston, a fine dining restaurant, our customer base is from all over Southern Ontario. They are also our business leaders and movers and shakers of this area, but all have one thing in common, the urgent need for a by-pass to be built sooner then later. At this point it will take leadership and political will to make this happen. We need to be on the five year construction plan, we can not tolerate any further delays, there is an urgent need to see progress on this matter. So we urge you as our Minister responsible, to take this seriously and not wait any longer to move this plan forward. The village of Morriston was never designed to be a major highway for Ontario. Thank you.

Sincerely yours

William Knetsch



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October 4, 2012

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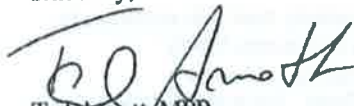
Dear Minister:

I was glad to talk to you yesterday in the Legislature about the Highway 6 Morriston bypass project, through the Township of Puslinch. I wanted to send you another copy of the package I gave you so as to ensure that your office has the information as well.

Please be assured that I intend to continue raising this matter until the Morriston bypass is placed on the Southern Highways Program, your Ministry's 5-year investment plan in highway construction for Southern Ontario. I would add that we need your help in the short term as well to support immediate measures to calm highway traffic through Morriston.

Thanks again for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Ted Arnott, MPP  
Wellington-Halton Hills

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Mr. Ted Amott, MPP  
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Dear Mr. Amott:

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Ted".

Thank you for your letter regarding Highway 6 and the community of Morriston. Specifically, you asked about moving forward with the Morriston bypass and the immediate need for traffic calming measures in this community. I welcome the opportunity to respond.

During our meeting with Mayor Lever and other municipal representatives in May, the mayor was asked to seek out industry advocates to better portray the regional economic benefits of a bypass. I remain prepared to meet again as I could take forward this information as part of the provincial budgeting process. In the meantime, the ministry continues to move the project forward through the completion of a number of pre-construction activities.

With respect to traffic calming measures through Morriston, ministry staff will continue to support the community group to develop a plan. Some of the measures being considered include gateway signing treatments, several decorative features, landscaping and the implementation of a Community Safety Zone. As a result of the most recent meeting, the ministry will be moving ahead with the installation of oversized speed limit signs and an enhanced pedestrian crossing.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Bob".

Bob Chiarelli  
Minister

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