

Hello,

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STOP THE LIVINGSTON AVE EXTENSION

It has been some time since we have sent out emails about the Environmental Assessment, EA, for the possible Livingston Ave Extension from Casablanca Blvd to Oaks Rd.

If you prefer not to get emails about this subject, please respond and I will remove your email from my list. I am hoping you are still very interested.

As you may recall this EA was originally started in May of 2014, 4 years ago. Since that time, we have worked very hard to let the Region of Niagara and the Town of Grimsby know that the road is not needed and would cause great environmental harm to the Irish Grove Wood Lot.

We also spoke strongly about the need to properly maintain Main St. (Hwy#8) from Casablanca to Oakes Rd.

We spoke clearly about not wanting another east-west road in Grimsby and especially one that would cut directly into the middle of the Greenbelt in the Tender fruit Lands in the west end of Grimsby.

Well, as you can see in the attached announcement, the Region of Niagara is bringing forward two EA's again, one for improvements to Casablanca Blvd and one for the Extension of Livingston Ave.

The Region completed its Transportation Master Plan in 2017. Unfortunately, the extension of Livingston Ave is in the Master Plan but with a proviso. The Region in 2017 asked the Town of Grimsby as to whether or not the Town wanted the extension of Livingston Ave to be part of the Region's Transportation Master Plan. The Town Council replied that it would wait for an EA to be completed before making that decision. Unfortunately, the Town Council did not take advantage of a clear opportunity to stop the extension once and for all by telling the Region to take it out of the Master Plan.

Now the EA is upon us again and we have another opportunity to tell the members of Town Council and the Region that the extension of Livingston Ave is not wanted and not needed.

Grimsby has two representatives on the Regional Council, Mayor Bob Bentley and Regional Councillor Tony Quirk. Let them know that you want them to listen carefully to your opposition to the possible extension of Livingston Ave.

The first Public Information Centre, PIC, for the EA is on Wednesday night, June 20 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Casablanca Winery Inn.

We are hoping that you will come out and speak to staff representing the Region and find out what their consultant has brought information to the PIC.

Please remember that when the original EA was started in May of 2014 the Region never held a PIC in September 2014 as scheduled. The Region never provided you an opportunity to speak in a public forum, at the PIC, about your concerns about the road. For most purposes the Region is acting as if the first EA was never started. We all worked very hard in opposition to the announcement of the first EA and our efforts will be in vain if we do not tell the Region, "NO" again.

A petition with 1125 signatures on it was presented to the Region against the road but the Region is still pressing forward with the road concept into the Transportation Master Plan despite the citizens speaking very clearly about not wanting the road.

On June 20th the Region is holding a combined PIC for both the Casablanca Blvd EA and the Livingston Ave EA. There are many inherent problems with this. Combining the two EA's into one PIC can easily lead to confusion. Casablanca Blvd is an existing road that most likely needs improvements. The Livingston Ave extension is a road that does not exist and is not wanted.

Please let me know if you would like more information about the above.

Hope to see you at the PIC. If you cannot make it out I will be sending more information out after the PIC to let folks know what transpired.

Thank you for your interest and support.

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