



TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH

TO: Mayor and Council

DATE: May 4, 2026

MEETING TYPE: Open

SUBMITTED BY: Brooke Lambert, Chief Administrative Officer

REPORT #: CAO 2026-004

REPORT TITLE: John Street Traffic Concerns

RECOMMENDED MOTION

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report CAO 2026-004 John Street Traffic Concerns;

AND THAT Council direct staff to implement a “no parking, no stopping” traffic enforcement program commencing with education session for 2 weeks, followed by enforcement for 2 weeks, with one week of follow-up to measure compliance;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to secure a contractor to perform bylaw enforcement duties and issue parking violation tickets.

PREVIOUS REPORTS/BY-LAWS/RESOLUTIONS

INF 2024-023 John Street Reconstruction (CLOSED)

INF 2024-021 John Street and Fergus Street North Reconstruction Community Survey and Update

INF 2024-016 Fergus Street Reconstruction Update

INF 2024-015 John Street Reconstruction Update

INF 2024-010 Spring Traffic Count

OPS 2023-043 Public Information Centre – Capital Projects

BACKGROUND

A Site Plan Agreement was entered with the Township of Wellington North and Peter Mitges Holdings Limited (319 Main Street South, Mount Forest, property owner) for Tim Hortons in September 1995.

Regulation of Traffic Bylaw was updated in November 1995 to include parking regulations of no parking anytime on the west side of John Street from Queen Street West to 40 metres south of Queen Street West. The Regulation of Traffic Bylaw was further amended in May 2003 to expediently erect “No Stopping” and “No Parking” signs on both sides of John Street to include the addition of No Parking and No Stopping Zone anytime on both sides of John Street from Queen Street West south to Waterloo Street a distance of ± 191 metres (except the east side of John Street from a point ± 79 metres south of Queen Street to a point ± 89 metres south of Queen Street West for mail pick-up and delivery).

This Regulation of Traffic By-law and parking restrictions were implemented to support the intent of the Tim Hortons’ John Street access for service vehicles only following the signing of the Site Plan Agreement.

Three (3) meetings were held in April, June and July of 2024 between Township staff, the property owner of 319 Main Street South, and the Tim Hortons business owner at that location to discuss traffic issues on John Street associated with drive-through activity.

Despite these meetings, neither the property owner nor the Tim Hortons operator acknowledged a traffic issue directly attributable to the drive-through operations, nor did they propose any remedial measures.

At the November 4, 2024 closed meeting of Council, staff were instructed to complete the redesigned John Street project as a standard roadway design at 8.5m side with sidewalk on west side and then proceed with education and then enforcement through issuing parking tickets for those individuals who continue to park on John Street to access the drive-through.

John Street Reconstruction between Queen Street West and Waterloo Street was completed in 2025. During the John Street reconstruction project, John Street between Queen Street West and Waterloo Street was closed to all traffic with the exception of local traffic only. During this road closure, Tim Hortons shifted their existing parking stalls on the north property line to the south to allow the installation of a drive through lane with access from Main Street South. Township staff and engineering consultant did not observe any negative impacts on traffic along Main Street South or the Main/Queen intersection during this period, either as a result of the drive-through lane modification or the daily operations of Tim Hortons.

ANALYSIS

The John Street Reconstruction project was complete in September 2025. Following the reopening of John Street, staff observed that traffic associated with the drive-through resumed their pre-construction habits and illegal parking and stopping on John Street continued. Township solicitor has issued a written notice to Tim Hortons regarding the traffic issue on John Street. Township staff are requesting a future meeting with 319 Main Street South property owner and Tim Hortons business owner to further discuss how they plan to address and correct the John Street traffic issue directly linked to the drive-through operations.

A draft education and enforcement communication plan is attached to this report as shown in Attachment 1.

We anticipate the education component to begin mid to end of May for a period of two weeks with enforcement commencing thereafter for a period of 2 weeks with one week of follow up. A private security company will be used for education and follow up and paid duty OPP officers will be used for the 2-week enforcement period.

CONSULTATION

Tammy Stevenson, Manager Infrastructure & Engineering
Karren Wallace, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
Mike Wilson, Community Development Coordinator
Andy Morrison, Urban Supervisor/Arthur Shop
Kurt Ferguson, Transportation Superintendent

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The cost for education, enforcement and follow-up is approximately \$5,000.00

Staffing Implications

Staff time will be required in managing the contractor/paid duty officers

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Draft education and enforcement communication plan

STRATEGIC PLAN 2024

N/A Core-Service

ASSESSIBILITY FOR ONTARIANS DISABILITIES ACT CONSULTATION

Does this report apply to any of the standards under the AODA that require consultation

Not applicable

Approved by:

Brooke Lambert, Chief Administrative Officer