



July 26th, 2018

To:
City of Kawartha Lakes Council

CC:
Juan Rojas, Director of Engineering & Assets

Re: Recommendation for the Upcoming Reconstruction of Downtown Lindsay

With the reconstruction of Lindsay's downtown now in the near future, the impact to our downtown and businesses has been a topic of discussion among our Board of Directors and Sub-Committees.

The Parking Committee has discussed at length how the current configuration of downtown impacts traffic flow and parking, and with the reconstruction, believe that there is now an opportunity to make positive changes to the current setup.

At the present time, when proceeding west on Ridout Street, drivers are forced only to make left hand turns onto Lindsay Street South, bypassing the downtown all together. When proceeding east on Kent Street, drivers turning right are required only to turn on the green light, causing congestion in this area during busy times. The green lights also operate in each direction separately, causing the wait at the intersection to be one of the longest in Lindsay.

The Board of Directors, via the Parking Sub-Committee, would like to make a recommendation that this intersection be reconfigured to allow traffic to flow freely in all four directions, and also that smart lights be installed in the reconstruction so that the green light from Ridout Street only be activated when traffic is present, allowing the traffic on Kent Street and Lindsay to flow much more smoothly, assuming of course that it is configured in a way that also works best for the crosswalks and pedestrian traffic.

We thank you for taking this recommendation into consideration.

Sincerely,

Charlie McDonald
Chair
Lindsay Downtown BIA