



# COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

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## COMMITTEE REPORT

**To:** Chair and Members of the Roads Committee  
**From:** Don Kudo, P. Eng., County Engineer  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 14, 2025  
**Subject:** **Wellington Road 46 – Road Diet Study**

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### **Background:**

At last month's Roads Committee meeting, correspondence from the Township of Puslinch was received for information. The Township's resolution was titled "Traffic Safety along Brock Road through Aberfoyle" and requested "following the completion of the midblock interchange, the County undertake a comprehensive traffic and land use review to reassess the viability of a road diet for Brock Road through Aberfoyle to be completed in 2026". In September, 2021 as part of the County's Road Master Action Plan, the County's consultant completed a "Aberfoyle (Wellington Road 46): Road Diet – Strategic Traffic Analysis". A presentation and staff report were provided to the Roads Committee and the committee passed the following resolution at the September 2021 committee meeting:

"That the County take no further action as outlined in the report with respect to a Wellington Road 46 road diet in Aberfoyle until further traffic analysis is completed following the implementation of the Morriston By-Pass or the completion of the midblock exchange on the Hanlon Expressway."

Construction of the midblock interchange is basically complete and open to traffic. Staff propose to proceed with the planned study and recommend that a Municipal Class Environment Assessment study be conducted to review the road diet option and alternatives for WR 46 in Aberfoyle. Attached to this report is a chart that details the Municipal Class EA Planning and Design Process. The EA process reviews and evaluates impacts of infrastructure projects on the natural, social and economic environment and identifies alternative solutions to mitigate impacts. The process includes consultation with various stakeholders and the public.

As expressed in the correspondence from the Township of Puslinch and questions posed at the September, 2025 Council meeting, the inclusion of an economic analysis of a road diet option for the WR 46 corridor in Aberfoyle will be included in the EA study. Other evaluation factors as suggested by the Roads Committee can also be included.

The 2021 strategic traffic analysis highlighted that a road diet for the WR 46 corridor in Aberfoyle may increase traffic on adjacent local roads. The EA study will also include providing conceptual road design improvements to accommodate increased traffic on adjacent local roads including cost estimates.

Consultation with the Township of Puslinch Council and staff will be included in the study. Other stakeholders to be considered in the consultation process would include local residents and businesses, City of Guelph, trucking companies, and others as suggested by the Committee.

Since Dillon Consulting completed the previous study of the proposed road diet, staff recommend hiring this firm to complete the EA study. Staff would request a proposal and cost from Dillon Consulting and include the cost in the 2026 Roads Capital budget. Should the Roads Committee request specific study elements to be included, it would be timely to provide this input prior to requesting a proposal and cost from Dillon Consulting.

**Strategic Action Plan:**

This report relates to the following objectives and priorities in the County’s Strategic Action Plan:  
Doing what the County does best – Providing Critical Daily Services for your residents

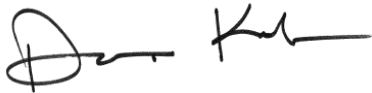
**Recommendation:**

That the report “Wellington Road 46 – Road Diet Study” be received for information;

That staff request a proposal and cost for a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for Wellington Road 46 in Aberfoyle from Dillon Consulting;

And that the study cost be included in the 2026 Capital Budget.

Respectfully submitted,



Don Kudo, P. Eng.  
County Engineer

In consultation with/approved by:  
Scott Wilson, Chief Administrative Office

Attachment - Municipal Class EA Planning and Design Process

# MUNICIPAL CLASS EA PLANNING AND DESIGN PROCESS

NOTE: This flow chart is to be read in conjunction with Part A of the Municipal Class EA

