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Date:  
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**To: Resident/Tenant or Business Owner**

Dear: Resident/Tenant or Business Owner,

**Re: Upcoming Planning and Works Committee Meeting on April 12, 2022**

**Approval of plans for proposed Roundabout at New Dundee Road  
(Regional Road 12) at Robert Ferrie Drive, City of Kitchener.**

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The Region of Waterloo is proposing a roundabout at New Dundee Road (Regional Road 12) at Robert Ferrie Drive, in the City of Kitchener. Please refer to the attached key plan for the proposed project limits. Construction is currently planned for the 2024 construction season.

The purpose of this letter is to advise you that the Region's Planning and Works Committee will consider approval of the Recommended Preliminary Design at its meeting on Tuesday April 12, 2022 via ZOOM. Interested members of the public may address the Planning and Works Committee as a delegation at that time to voice their opinion on this project. The staff report will be available for public review on the Region of Waterloo's web site <https://calendar.regionofwaterloo.ca/council> after 4:30pm on Tuesday, April 5th, 2022. Should you wish to appear as a delegation at this meeting regarding this project, please contact Regional Council and Administrative Services at 519-575-4420 or send an email to [regionalclerk@regionofwaterloo.ca](mailto:regionalclerk@regionofwaterloo.ca).

The public was invited to participate in an online survey on the EngageWR website from January 12<sup>th</sup> to February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Project information including proposed key dates, expected timeline and plan drawings for the improvements were made available prior to the survey launch on the EngageWR website. Project Information is also available on our website, [https://www.regionofwaterloo.ca/en/living-here/resources/Documents/Future-Construction/DC\\_07284\\_InfoSheet.pdf](https://www.regionofwaterloo.ca/en/living-here/resources/Documents/Future-Construction/DC_07284_InfoSheet.pdf).

The Region would like to thank everyone who participated in the online survey and provided comments on the proposed improvements.

The main comments received from the community are categorized into the following themes:

1. High operating speeds on New Dundee Road,
2. Cost and impacts of roundabout construction,
3. Volume of commercial truck traffic,
4. Illumination(street lighting),
5. Education for roundabout users,
6. Provisions for active transportation and
7. Impact to Heritage lands.

One of the advantages of a roundabout is the lower speeds of all vehicles using the roundabout. The operating speed of the roundabout would be designed in the range of 30km/hr to 49 km/hr. The Region's current practice is to lower posted speeds on Regional Roads to 60km/hr in each direction, within 400m of approach to a roundabout. The Region will make a recommendation to Council that the posted speed on New Dundee Road, from Executive Place to Reichert Drive be lowered from the existing 80km/hr to 60km/hr.

Regional staff acknowledge there is an immediate cost for roundabout construction at this location. The proposed roundabout would reduce injury collisions, reduce delays, have lower life-cycle costs, and reduce idling times resulting in fuel savings and reduced vehicle emissions.

Traffic that uses this intersection will be impacted during roundabout construction. Upon completion of detailed design, construction staging and appropriate detours will be established based on a detailed assessment of construction scope and traffic management options. Regional staff will work with the City of Kitchener staff and emergency services personnel to develop staging and detour plans and will effectively communicate these plans to the public well in advance of construction.

A summary of all public comments and Project Team responses is included in the staff report, that will be available for release to the public on April 5, 2022.

Based on a review of the technical information gathered for this project as well as a review of all public comments received, the Project Team is recommending that Regional Council approve the following improvements on New Dundee Road in the City of Kitchener:

- Proposed double lane roundabout at New Dundee Road and Robert Ferrie Drive including constructing curbs and storm sewers drainage system at the roundabout, street lighting at the roundabout, 3.0 metre wide multi-use path along the edge of roundabout circle, transitioning to 1.5m wide on-road cycling lanes (paved shoulder) on both sides of New Dundee Road, from the east leg of the roundabout to Executive Place.

- Upon completion of construction, lower the posted speed on New Dundee Road, from Executive Place to Reichert Drive from the existing 80km/hr to 60km/hr;
- In addition the Region will be undergoing road re-paving on New Dundee Rd from the proposed roundabout to Executive Place in 2024.

Pending approval of the Recommended Preliminary Design by Regional Council, and upon receipt of required technical and financial approvals, it is tentatively proposed to complete construction of these improvements in 2024. You will receive further notification concerning the timing of construction, traffic restrictions and contact information prior to the commencement of construction. Another letter will be distributed to provide residents, tenants or business owners with information regarding the final construction details contact information during construction and associated access and detour requirements. The letter will be available online at [https://www.regionofwaterloo.ca/en/living-here/construction-and-road-closures.aspx?\\_mid\\_=25142](https://www.regionofwaterloo.ca/en/living-here/construction-and-road-closures.aspx?_mid_=25142)

If you have any questions regarding the proposed reconstruction or if you wish to receive more information at this time regarding the Project Team's responses to the public issues and concerns, please contact Saman Ajamzadeh at (226) 750-7503.

Yours truly,



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Appendix A – Key Plan

