

Proposed John Street Reconstruction Dedicated for
Tim Hortons
Mount Forest Ontario

Intro:

Mayor Lennox, Council members...

My name is Ralph Bublitz and I have been a resident of Mt Forest for 34 years.

I am by no means a civil engineer, however, as my previous employment in the Canadian military required me, on occasion, to plan routes for vehicle movement, I did need to develop a cursory knowledge of traffic flow, including establishing in and out routes for a variety of locations.

The over-riding problem is the choke point traffic hazard at the intersection of Main St (Hwy 6) and Queen St (Hwy 89) caused by traffic using the secondary entrance/exit to Tim Hortons, located on John St.

This traffic hazard is extremely dangerous and needs to be addressed before someone is seriously hurt or killed. Keep in mind that school children use this intersection extensively.

I have personally witnessed and had several close calls due to vehicles trying to squeeze out of or stopping to enter onto John St from all sides of this intersection.

As long as traffic is allowed to enter and exit John St, in order to access Tim Hortons, this problem will persist.

With that in mind it becomes clear that John St, as it is, is not the problem.

Hence, adding a dedicated turn lane on John Street, simply to access Tim Hortons, is not the solution.

Furthermore the residence of Mount Forest, and primarily those with homes on John St, should not be forced to bear the consequences, loss of trees, loss of frontage and, most certainly, loss of property value, not to mention monetary cost, to compensate for poor site planning on Tim Hortons' part.

The solution, from the Mount Forest point of view, is quite simple.

Close the John Street access to Tim Hortons PERIOD.

I have visited 9 of the Tim Hortons locations in our general area and found that, with the exception of those located on a corner or part of a multi-business compound, all locations are only accessible from **one** street.

That the Tim Hortons lot is too small, or is laid out in such a way as to restrict the space required for an effective drive-through, is for Tim Hortons to deal with, not the residents of Mount Forest.

Just as a closing note, if this council or Tim Hortons is interested in my recommendations I am more than willing to assist.