

This is our submission regarding PIC#2 today - to all the councillors as well as the Mayor and the Parsons group.

Thank you for the opportunity to give some feedback to your PIC #2 regarding the Proposed Oak Park Road Extension.

We have already sent feedback, comments, and concerns regarding why we oppose this proposed truck route previously, so we will not regurgitate those.

What we would like to share will instead, make considerable positives for the Oak Park corridor and Brantford's desirability as a destination community for numerous outdoor activities year-round. However, more importantly with a vision to Brantford's future needs, including a bonus of streamlining services in addition to huge savings monetarily.

Re-Imagine and Re-Purpose the Oak Park Corridor for the City's Projected and mandated growth. Along with those projected numbers, the City will need more cemetery space.

Using the land on the south side of Oakhill Drive (across from the Oakhill Cemetery entrance) to allow for cemetery expansion would have the following benefits:

- 1) Close proximity to the current Oak hill Cemetery.
- 2) No need to seek out and purchase lands at a new location.
- 3) The City already owns this land. No need to hire outside consultants to study a new location and design.
- 4) Use in-house staff to implement this new phase of the cemetery expansion.
- 5) The infrastructure required at a new cemetery such as an office building, garage and workshop and all related equipment can all be utilized from the current site on Jennings Road.
- 6) Protecting the natural wildlife corridor, the Greenspace, and the Natural Heritage of the Grand River valley.

In addition,

- Eliminate parking on Brant Ave, by making a few parking lots available for the businesses there.
- Smooth traffic flow by the co-ordination of traffic signals during peak congestion times.
- Widen the Veteran's Memorial Pkwy to 4-lanes from Mt. Pleasant Rd to Clarence St, for the elimination of bottle necks and impatient drivers racing to "jump the queue" at those two intersections.
- Make a true effort to work in conjunction with the County of Brant to widen County Road 18 to 4-lanes, Colborne St.W to 4-lanes and Rest Acres Rd (Hwy #24) to the 403.
- Respecting the Haldimand Tract Agreement, and eliminating the outdated idea of this proposed OPRE, will be a boost to the City's relations with the Indigenous Peoples that are concerned with the trespass of another bridge over the Grand River.
- Extend the current trail system through this future cemetery site to Colborne St.W and possibly build a Pedestrian/Multiuse overpass to the Southwestern Brant trails systems near D'Aubigny.

- Bring your "Climate Action" propositions to fruition, by encouraging the trail use for those pedestrians and cyclists, that work in the new Northwest Employment lands. In doing so, the City will be a leader in reducing the reliance on personal vehicles.

Photo included: This Parsons diagram shows where a Multi-Use Trail (in Red) to Colborne St.W could be placed within the new expanded "Oakhill Cemetery", south of Oakhill Drive and the Oakhill cemetery entrance.

