Deer Run Avenue Laneway Access
Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study

Public Information Centre #1
November 26, 2015
Tonight’s Meeting

• Purpose of the meeting
• Background information
• Class EA Process
• Alternatives presented to Council
• Evaluation Criteria
• Next steps
Purpose of Tonight’s Meeting

• Introduce the project
• Outline alternative solutions
• Receive input on evaluation criteria
• Receive comments on alternative solutions
• Listen to your concerns
• Outline next steps

A proposed or final solution will not be presented tonight
Background

• Subdivision that includes Deer Run Avenue was constructed in 1980s

• Included temporary emergency access through an extension of Deer Run Avenue connecting it to Winston Churchill Boulevard

• Plan was to extend Deer Run Avenue eastward at a future date when lands between end of Deer Run and Winston Churchill developed.

• Currently no development plan for those lands, but development is still a possibility to consider
Background

- Emergency access laneway occupies private land owned by Heusel Construction Ltd. and public land owned by the town.

- Although not a public road, it is being used for public use by motorists going to and from Winston Churchill Boulevard.

- Heusel has raised concerns about public use and has sought to physically restrict the access.

- Council approved recommendation for public consultation on options and directed staff to undertake Environmental Assessment.
Study Area

Aspen Forest Dr
Claremont Cres
Acacia Ct
Deer Run Ave
Winston Churchill Blvd
Laneway Access
Laneway Access
Environmental Assessment (EA)

• Process used to evaluate solutions to an infrastructure problem or opportunity.

• A public process. Stakeholders can comment on:
  – alternative solutions
  – evaluation criteria

• Process looks at the technical and engineering aspects, and the benefits and impacts to the natural, social, and economic environments.
TYPICAL MUNICIPAL CLASS EA PROCESS

**Phase 1**
Identify and Describe the Problem(s)

**Phase 2**
Alternative Planning Solutions
- Identify reasonable alternative solutions to the problems.
- Evaluate the alternative solutions, taking into consideration environmental and transportation considerations.
- Identify a preferred solution to the problem(s).

Public/Residents Consultation

**Phase 3**
Alternative Design Concepts For the Preferred Solution
- Identify alternative designs to implement the preferred solution.
- Inventory natural, social/cultural and economic environments.
- Identify the impact of the alternative designs after mitigation.
- Evaluate alternative designs.
- Select preferred design.

**Phase 4**
Environmental Study Report
- Compile an Environmental Study Report (ESR).
- Place ESR on public record for review for 30 days.
- Notify the public and government agencies of completion of the ESR and of the Part II Order provision in the EA Act.

**Phase 5**
Implementation
- Proceed to construction of the project.
- Monitor environmental provisions and commitments.

Problem Statement
Preferred Solution
Preferred Design
ESR
Construction

We Are Here
Problem Statement

The Town of Oakville wishes to provide a safe, efficient and integrated transportation system for the movement of people and goods, and to modify the existing road network in this area as may be required to achieve this objective.
Identification and Evaluation of Alternative Solutions

• Alternative # 1
  ✓ Cul-de-sac Street Design Options (1A to 1E)

• Alternatives # 2 and 3
  ✓ Construct Municipal Road – Extension of Deer Run Avenue to Winston Churchill Boulevard Options

• Alternative # 4
  ✓ Do Nothing
Alternative # 1 - Cul-de-sac
Design Option 1A

OPTION 1A
PROPOSED CUL-DE-SAC
DEER RUN AVENUE - 9m Radius
Alternative # 1 - Cul-de-sac
Design Option 1B
Alternative # 1 - Cul-de-sac Design Option 1C
Alternative #1 - Cul-de-sac Design Option 1D
Alternate # 1 - Cul-de-sac
Design Option 1E

OPTION 1E
PROPOSED CUL-DE-SAC
DEER RUN AVENUE – 13.75m Radius
Alternative #2 - Deer Run Ave Extension
Design Option 2

OPTION 2
PROPOSED EXTENSION OF DEER RUN AVENUE THROUGH THE LANDS OF HEUSEL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LTD.
Alternative #3 - Deer Run Ave Extension
Design Option 3
Alternative #4 - Do Nothing

- In the “Do Nothing” alternative, no additional actions would be taken beyond current closure of the Deer Run Laneway Access to Winston Churchill Boulevard.

- The Municipal Class EA process requires its consideration in all Class EAs as a benchmark for evaluating other alternatives.
Proposed Evaluation Criteria

- Alternatives need to be evaluated based on their impacts to various facets of the environment.
- Safety and connectivity are key themes from comments received to date.
- Conformity with town policies is also important
- We propose to give these factors the most weight.

- **Safety**
  - Emergency response time
  - Design standards
  - Operations of large vehicles

- **Connectivity**
  - Travel times
  - Connections to key destinations

- **Policies**
  - Subdivision agreement
  - Official Plan
  - Transportation Master Plans
Additional Proposed Evaluation Criteria

- Air quality
- Area of tree growing habitat and canopy
- Impacts to existing vegetation
- Impacts to terrestrial and aquatic species
- Maintenance costs
- Cost of construction
- Relative land cost
- Ease of implementation
- Impacts to utilities
- Impacts to sewers and watermains
- Impacts to operation of air quality monitoring station
- Impacts to existing properties and land uses
- Impacts to development potential of undeveloped properties
Next Steps

• Receive public comments by December 15\textsuperscript{th}, 2015.
• Complete evaluation of alternatives
• Hold second PIC to present preferred solution – spring 2016
• Receive public comments and determine if changes to preferred solution are required
• Present the preferred solution to Town Council
• Post Notice of Completion for 30 day public review period
• Respond to comments during 30 day review period
• Implement preferred solution

• During interim period, maintain Deer Run Access as emergency vehicle access
How To Stay Involved

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• Please submit your comments by December 15th, 2015
Questions