
Dear Mr. Bell,

It has come to my attention that Grey County is planning to complete road construction projects on a number of County Roads in 2016. I understand that paved shoulders with a width of only 0.25 metres are being proposed for Grey Road 119 from Banks to Ravenna and Grey Road 31 from 0.5 kilometres north of Simcoe Road 91 to Grey Road 2. I feel that paved shoulders with a width of only 0.25 metres along these two roads, or any of the other county road that will be repaved in the future, is insufficient and will lead to potentially dangerous situations for both cyclists as well as drivers. There is currently a campaign in the Town of Blue Mountains for cyclists and drivers to "share the road". This is much easier to do if there is sufficient room for cyclists to be on a paved shoulder that is at least 1 to 1.5 metres wide.

Road cycling is becoming an evermore popular sport in The Town of Blue Mountains. The number of cyclists on the road, therefore, is only going to increase in the years to come. It is therefore imperative to "create" room for the cyclists on a wide enough paved shoulder so that cars/trucks can pass them safely without impeding traffic.

Given the long-term implications of this decision to only provide 0.25 metre paved shoulders on these roads, I respectfully request that the TAPS Committee reconsider the proposed width of paved shoulders on these two particular roads slated for construction in 2016 and that additional consideration be given to the importance of paved shoulders as critical infrastructure in facilitating cycling going forward.

I understand there are deputations scheduled before the TAPS Committee on January 21. Please also consider this letter as support for these deputations.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sarah Mills