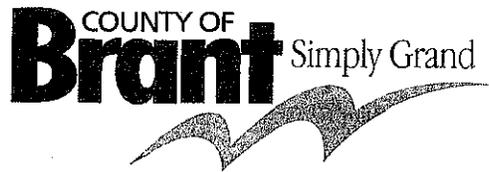


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Re: Review of Emergency Detour Routes for 400-Series Highways

Brant County Council approved the following resolution at its April 29, 2014 meeting:

"Whereas several municipalities adjacent to Provincial highways have agreed to post municipal roads as "Emergency Detour Routes" (EDRs) to be used for rerouting traffic from Provincial highways on occasions when the Provincial highways are closed by the Ontario Provincial Police for emergency reasons;

And Whereas these EDRs are critical in providing for the continued flow of traffic normally transported on Provincial highways;

And Whereas municipalities generally recognize the advantage of providing safe and convenient alternate routes for Provincial highway traffic in emergency situations;

And Whereas many EDR routes are not designed and constructed to carry the volume of traffic diverted onto the EDRs, resulting in accelerated deterioration of these municipal assets;

And Whereas municipalities may be required to perform additional maintenance activities to accommodate the emergency situations;

And Whereas traffic detoured from Provincial highways onto municipal roads places additional liability risks on municipalities;

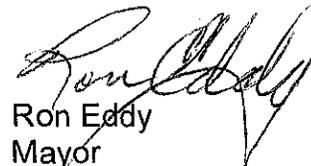
That the Council of the County of Brant requests the Ministry of Transportation Ontario and the Ontario Provincial Police undertake a review of the use of EDRs to ensure that municipalities are immediately informed when emergency situations on Provincial highways require traffic to be diverted;

And that the Province be requested to establish a program to compensate municipalities for the accelerated deterioration of EDR routes, and for the additional maintenance efforts required of municipalities to ensure that these roads are as safe as possible while accommodating Provincial highway traffic;

And that this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities Ontario and other municipalities with EDRs to request their support of this resolution”.

I would be pleased to further discuss the resolution and/or answer any questions you may have and can be contacted either by phone (519-442-2040) or e-mail (ron.eddy@brant.ca) or through the County of Brant Clerk's Office at 519-449-2451.

Yours truly,



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Mayor
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Municipalities with existing Emergency Detour Routes