

MEMO

то	:	Town of Pelham
FROM	:	CIMA+
DATE	:	June 14, 2023
SUBJECT	:	Traffic Studies on Port Robinson Road

1. Introduction

The purpose of this memo is to present the findings of a number of traffic studies requested by and Town and undertaken by CIMA along Port Robinson Road, as follows:

- Speed and volume study on Port Robinson Road between Station Street and Rice Road (and options for passive and active traffic calming)
- Stop Control Study at Port Robinson and Lametti Drive
- Stop Control Study at proposed Klager Avenue (based on development data)

The traffic data received from Pyramid Traffic is provided in Appendix A.

2. Speed and Volume Study on Port Robinson Road between Station Street and Rice Road

The first study involved a review of speed and traffic volumes along Port Robinson Road between Station Street and Rice Road and options for passive and active traffic calming.

2.1. Existing Conditions

This section of Port Robinson Road has a posted speed of 50 km/h and has a two lane urban cross section (raised barrier curbs and storm sewers). This area is rapidly transitioning from a rural area with vacant lands to a built up area with residential development on both sides of the roadway. **Figure 1** shows the traffic controls in place on this section of roadway based on a site visit conducted on May 31st, 2023. The following is noted:

- Three 50 km/h signs are posted on Port Robinson Road (one westbound and two eastbound) the 50 km/h sign facing eastbound traffic just past Station Street is a 50 km/h begins sign
- The intersection of Rice Road and Port Robinson Road is signalized
- Lametti Drive has a stop control on the north leg
- Station Street (a three-legged intersection) is under all-way Stop control
- A Speed display sign is provided facing westbound traffic in the vicinity of the future location of Klager Avenue
- A 40 km/h School Zone is introduced on westbound Port Robinson Road approaching Station Street (for Glynn A Green Public School) and
- School Crossing Guard Ahead and School Crossing Guard signs are displayed on the approach to Station Street and on the east leg respectively.



Figure 1 – Existing Traffic Control (Port Robinson Road between Station Street and Rice Road)

A yellow centreline is provided along a majority of Port Robinson Road with the exception of a short section just west of Lametti Drive. White edgelines are used intermittently on both sides of the roadway west of Lametti Drive.

The width of the cross section approximately 9.7 metres. The white edgelines, where provided, narrow the travel lanes to approximately 6.8 metres, resulting in 3.4 metre travel lanes.

2.2. Traffic Study

Automated traffic recorder data was collected on Port Robinson Road within the 50 km/h speed zone on Wednesday, May 10th, 2023. **Table 1** summarizes the findings of the data. The following was noted:

- Daily traffic volumes along Port Robinson Road (both directions) are in the range of 4,000 vehicles, exhibiting characteristics of a collector roadway (2017 Transportation Association of Canada *Geometric Design Guide for Canadian Roads*, Table 2.6.5)
- Peak traffic periods were noted in both the morning and afternoon, corresponding to commuter traffic
- Average speeds and particularly 85th percentile speeds are higher in the eastbound direction as compared to the westbound traffic, average speeds are 58 km/h eastbound and 53 km/h westbound and 85th percentile speeds are 68.5 km/h eastbound and 59.7 km/h westbound respectively.
- Truck percentages are higher in the eastbound direction compared to the westbound direction.



Direction	24 Hour Volume	15 Minute Peak Volume (Starting At)	Average Speed	85 th Percentile Speed	Truck Percentages	
Eastbound	1944	60 (0830)	58 km/h	68.5 km/h	5 %	
Westbound	2075	57 (0445)	53 km/h	59.7 km/h	2 %	

Table 1 – Volume, Speed and Classification Characteristics

2.3. Options for Traffic Calming

The Town requested that CIMA present different options for traffic calming in context of the field investigation and the traffic study. The lower observed speeds in the westbound direction, particularly the 85th percentile speeds indicate that the speed display board located west of Lametti Drive appears to be having a calming effect on westbound speeds. The 40 km/h speed zone and school crossing guard signs are also likely contributing to lower operating speeds. In contrast, eastbound traffic was significantly higher. The higher eastbound speeds can be explained by the absence of the speed feedback sign and the roadway transitioning to more rural surroundings. However, there is a clear need to further calm traffic, particularly as the residential areas on both sides of this roadway fully develop.

Table 2 shows different options for traffic calming that range from low-cost options (passive) to higher-cost options (active) that would be suitable for use on Port Robinson Road based on the 2017 Transportation Association of Canada's *Canadian Road to Traffic Calming* (second edition) and have been widely used elsewhere in Ontario.

Option	Description	Considerations
Ladder Crosswalk	 Highlight the presence of the crossing guard supervised crossing on the east leg of Port Robinson Road at Station Street 	 Low cost Currently used elsewhere in Ontario
Lane Narrowing	• Use of pavement markings to cause drivers to perceive the roadway to be less comfortable at higher speeds	 Low cost Town already have implemented this treatment; note – markings should be extended along entire length of roadway

Table	2 –	Options	for	Traffic	Calming
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Option	Description	Considerations
Vertical Centreline Treatment	• Flexible post-mounted delineators or raised pavement markets; give drivers a perception of lane narrowing and create a sense of constriction	 Low cost Vehicle speed reduction up to 5 km/h Town may consider removing in the winter months Rapidly gaining popularity in Ontario
Curb Extension	 Horizontal intrusion of the curb into the roadway resulting in a narrowed section of roadway Purpose is to reduce vehicle speeds and reduce crossing distance for pedestrians 	 Medium cost Vehicle speed reduction between 2 and 8 km/h Can be implemented at one of the intersections (Station Street, Lametti Drive or Klager Avenue in the future) Not best option if cycling facilities planned on Port Robinson Road
Raised Median Island	 Elevated median constructed on the centreline of a two-way roadway to reduce the overall width of the adjacent travel lanes Purpose is to reduce vehicle speeds and to reduce pedestrian-vehicle conflicts 	 Medium cost Vehicle speed reduction between 3 and 8 km/h Can be implemented at one of the intersections (Station Street, Lametti Drive or Klager Avenue in the future)

3. Stop Control Study at Port Robinson Road and Lametti Drive

A stop control study was undertaken at the intersection of Port Robinson Road and Lametti Drive. As noted earlier, currently the intersection is stop controlled on the north approach. A eight-hour turning movement count was conducted on Tuesday, May 9th, 2023.

The All-Way Stop Minimum Volume Warrant (Collector Roads and Rural Arterial Roads) in Ontario Traffic Manual Book 5: Regulatory Signs was used to determine whether this location warranted an all-way stop control. At these locations, all-way stop control may be considered if:

- **Criterion #1** The total vehicle volume on all intersection approaches exceeds 375 vehicles per hour for each of the highest eight hours of the day; and
- **Criterion #2** The combined vehicle and pedestrian volume on the minor street (Lametti Drive) exceeds 150 units per hour (all vehicle plus pedestrians wishing to enter the intersection) for each of the same eight hours as the total volume; and
- **Criterion #3** The volume split between the major and minor roads does not exceed 70/30 over the eight hour period.



The results of the analysis indicate that this intersection is <u>not</u> a suitable candidate for an all-way Stop control. The location only meets the total vehicle volume threshold for four of the eight hours and does not meet the minor street combined vehicle and pedestrian volume threshold for any of the eight hours. The combined vehicle volume on the major street approach was 2709 vehicles compared to on the minor street approach which was only 365 vehicles, yielding a volume split of roughly 86 / 14, therefore the location does not meet the volume split criterion either.

Time Period	Total Vehicle Volume	Combined Vehicle and Pedestrian Volume
7:00 – 8:00 am	237	37
8:00 – 9:00 am	434	54
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	342	49
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	435	52
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	345	51
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	441	60
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	455	45
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	388	49

Table 3: All Way Stop Warrant Findings (Bolded Values Meet Criteria)

4. Stop Control Study at Port Robinson Road and Klager Avenue (Future Road)

The final stop control study requested was to determine if a future road (Klager Avenue) would require an allway Stop control when it is built. As noted on Figure 1, Klager Avenue is planned to intersect with Port Robinson Road at a location west of Lametti Drive. The Town provided CIMA with a number of drawings showing proposed development (road network and lots) for areas north and south of Port Robinson Road.

For this review, it was assumed that the road network and proposed lots would not significantly change from those indicated in the drawings provided to CIMA and the development would consist of single family dwellings (either detached or attached).

4.1. Proposed Development

River Estates Phase 2

The River Realty Development (1976) Inc. drawing of River Estates Phase 2 was used to assess future development on the north side of Port Robinson Road. According to the drawing, Klager Avenue will extend south from a roundabout built on Summersides Boulevard and connect to Port Robinson Road west of Lametti Drive. The road will form part of a grid street system with another unnamed future road connecting (in a north-south orientation) to Port Robinson Road closer to Station Street. As a result of this, the residential area that will be serviced by Klager Avenue is anticipated to be relatively small (compared to Lametti Drive) as the future unnamed road to the west will be used by residents living on or directly adjacent to it. Development adjacent



to or north of Summersides Boulevard is assumed to use Summersides Boulevard to access Station Street, Rice Road or Highway 20 instead.

Saffron Meadows

A second drawing (Saffron Meadows Overall Water Distribution Plan) showing future development on the south side of Port Robinson Road was used to assess future development on the opposite side of the roadway. The future development shows that Klager Avenue will extend southward with a few local streets branching off the road to the east and west. The map shows that Lametti Drive to the east is already servicing a large portion of the development on the southwest corner of Port Robinson Road and Rice Road. Further to the south, Walker Road, Lymburner Street, Myrtle Street and an unnamed road within an unopened road allowance (adjacent to Steve Bauer Trail) will service much of the planned development, residents on the east side of the development either use Lametti Road or will likely use Walker Road, Lymburner Street, Myrtle Street to access Rice Road instead. Residents on the west side of the development are assumed to use the unnamed road adjacent to Steve Bauer Trail.

Appendix B shows the areas shaded in pink that is anticipated to be serviced by Klager Avenue, in consideration of the surrounding roads (both existing and proposed) that will service other areas of the development. The lots were used to determine the number of residential units that will be within the area shaded in pink where they were available and estimated otherwise based on the overall size of the parcel. For the area north of Port Robinson Road, it was estimated that there would be 58 residential units on or adjacent to Klager Avenue that would likely use the Klager Avenue access (north leg). For the area south of Port Robinson Road, it was estimated that there would be 165 residential units on or adjacent to Klager Avenue that would likely use the Klager Avenue access (north leg). For the area south of Port Robinson Road, it was estimated that there would be 165 residential units on or adjacent to Klager Avenue that would likely use the access at Port Robinson Road (south leg).

The Institute of Traffic Engineers' *Trip Generation Manual* 11th *Edition* was used to estimate the future traffic volumes. As the drawings did not indicate the type of residential dwelling, both single family detached and single family attached (duplexes or townhouses) were used (Land Use 210 and 215). **Table 3** and **4** shows the estimated traffic using the equations provided in the manual, on both the south and north legs separately and exiting traffic (leaving the development onto Port Robinson Road from either leg), entering traffic (entering the development from Port Robinson Road from either leg) in percentages (as provided in the manual) and for estimated trips for single family detached and single family attached homes.

Detached Homes										
Time Period	South Leg (1)	North Leg (2)	Exiting %	Entering %	Exiting Trips (3)	Entering Trips (4)				
AM peak hour	124	48	74%	26%	128	45				

36%

50%

64%

50%

80

892

142

892

 Table 4: Estimated Traffic Generated At Klager Avenue (South and North Legs) Assuming Single Family

 Detached Homes

(24 hrs) Notes:

PM peak hour

Weekday

(1) Assuming 165 residential units

161

1291

(2) Assuming 58 resident units

(3) Combined South and North Leg Leg Trips Exiting Klager Avenue onto Port Robinson Road

(4) Trips Entering South and North Leg of Klager Avenue from Port Robinson Road

61

493



Time Period	South Leg (1)	North Leg (2)	Exiting %	Entering %	Exiting Trips (3)	Entering Trips (4)		
AM peak hour	86	33	74%	26%	88	31		
PM peak hour	94	38	36%	64%	47	84		
Weekday (24 hrs) 1207		391	50%	50%	799	799		
Notes:								
 Assuming 165 residential units Assuming 58 resident units Combined South and North Leg Leg Trips Exiting Klager Avenue onto Port Robinson Road Trips Entering South and North Leg of Klager Avenue from Port Robinson Road 								

 Table 5: Estimated Traffic Generated At Klager Avenue (South and North Legs) Assuming Single Family

 Attached Homes

The results indicate during the AM peak hour, there is anticipated to be a maximum of 128 trips exiting Klager Avenue onto Port Robinson Road assuming that all residential units were single family detached homes. The number would drop to 88 trips if all residential units were single family attached homes (i.e. townhomes or duplexs). For the entire day (24-hours), a total of 892 trips are estimated assuming that all residential units were single family detached homes, dropping to 799 trips if all residential units were single family attached homes. As noted earlier, for an all-way stop control to be warranted, the minimal threshold for the minor street (in this case, Klager Avenue) is 150 trips <u>per hour for eight hours (or 1200 trips in total</u>). As such, <u>there</u> <u>appears to be no evidence that the intersection of Port Robinson Road and Klager Avenue will require an allway Stop control</u>, under the assumption that the road network proposed in the drawings reviewed by CIMA do not significantly change nor is there any significant change in the proposed amount (number of lots) or type of development (i.e a multi-story apartment building).

The results are further validated by the traffic currently generated by the development along Lametti Boulevard as noted in the previous section. This development, consisting of 125 residential units, generated a total of 369 vehicles over an eight hour period with a maximum of 60 vehicles in the PM peak hour.

Sincerely,

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Appendix A – Traffic Counts

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Port Robinson Rd @ Lametti Dr									
Morning Peak Diagram	Specified Period One Hour Peak From: 7:00:00 From: 8:00:00 To: 9:00:00 To: 9:00:00								
Municipality:PelhamSite #:000000001Intersection:Port Robinson Rd & Lametti DrTFR File #:1Count date:9-May-2023	Weather conditions: Clear/Dry Person(s) who counted: Cam								
** Non-Signalized Intersection **	Major Road: Port Robinson Rd runs W/E								
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Port Robinson Rd @ Lametti Dr										
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** Non-Signalized Intersection ** Major Road: Port Robinson Rd runs W/E										
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Port Robinson Rd @ Lametti Dr										
Afternoon Peak Diagram	Specified Period One Hour Peak From: 15:00:00 From: 15:15:00 To: 18:00:00 To: 16:15:00									
Municipality:PelhamSite #:000000001Intersection:Port Robinson Rd & Lametti DrTFR File #:1Count date:9-May-2023	Weather conditions: Clear/Dry Person(s) who counted: Cam									
** Non-Signalized Intersection **	Major Road: Port Robinson Rd runs W/E									
North Leg Total: 115 Heavys 0 1 1 North Entering: 50 Trucks 0 0 0 North Peds: 6 Cars 21 2 26 49 Peds Cross: Image: Section 1 Totals 21 2 27	Heavys 2 Trucks 0 Cars 63 Totals 65 Heavys 2 East Leg Total: 416 East Entering: 224 East Peds: 5 Peds Cross: X									
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MH Corbin Traffic Analyzer Study Computer Generated Summary Report City: Pelham Street: Port Robinson Rd - EB Location: 1

A study of vehicle traffic was conducted with the device having serial number 403606. The study was done in the EB lane at Port Robinson Rd - EB in Pelham, ON in btwn Station St & Rice Rd county. The study began on 2023-05-09 at 12:00 AM and concluded on 2023-05-10 at 12:00 AM, lasting a total of 24.00 hours. Traffic statistics were recorded in 15 minute time periods. The total recorded volume showed 1,944 vehicles passed through the location with a peak volume of 60 on 2023-05-09 at [08:30 AM-08:45 AM] and a minimum volume of 0 on 2023-05-09 at [11:45 PM-12:00 AM]. The AADT count for this study was 1,944.

<u>SPEED</u>

Chart 1 lists the values of the speed bins and the total traffic volume for each bin. At least half the vehicles were traveling in the 50 - 60 KM/H range or lower. The average speed for all classifed vehicles was 58 KM/H with 85.13% vehicles exceeding the posted speed of 50 KM/H. 1.87% percent of the total vehicles were traveling in excess of 89 KM/H. The mode speed for this traffic study was 50KM/H and the 85th percentile was 68.50 KM/H.

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CHART 1

CLASSIFICATION

Chart 2 lists the values of the classification bins and the total traffic volume accumulated for each bin. Most of the vehicles classified during the study were Passenger Vehicles. The number of Passenger Vehicles in the study was 1843 which represents 95 percent of the total classified vehicles. The number of Small Trucks in the study was 23 which represents 1 percent of the total classified vehicles. The number of Trucks/Buses in the study was 46 which represents 2 percent of the total classified vehicles. The number of Tractor Trailers in the study was 18 which represents 1 percent of the total classified vehicles.

< to 4.9	5.0 to 7.9	8.0 to 9.9	10.0 to 12.9	13.0 to 15.9	16.0 to 18.9	19.0 to 21.9	22.0 to >				
753	1090	23	46	17	0	0	1				

CHART 2

HEADWAY

During the peak traffic period, on 2023-05-09 at [08:30 AM-08:45 AM] the average headway between vehicles was 14.754 seconds. During the slowest traffic period, on 2023-05-09 at [11:45 PM-12:00 AM] the average headway between vehicles was 900 seconds.

WEATHER

The roadway surface temperature over the period of the study varied between 12.00 and 38.00 degrees C.

MH Corbin Traffic Analyzer Study Computer Generated Summary Report City: Pelham Street: Port Robinson Rd - WB Location: 1

A study of vehicle traffic was conducted with the device having serial number 406310. The study was done in the WB lane at Port Robinson Rd - WB in Pelham, ON in btwn Station St & Rice Rd county. The study began on 2023-05-09 at 12:00 AM and concluded on 2023-05-10 at 12:00 AM, lasting a total of 24.00 hours. Traffic statistics were recorded in 15 minute time periods. The total recorded volume showed 2,075 vehicles passed through the location with a peak volume of 57 on 2023-05-09 at [04:45 PM-05:00 PM] and a minimum volume of 0 on 2023-05-09 at [12:30 AM-12:45 AM]. The AADT count for this study was 2,075.

<u>SPEED</u>

Chart 1 lists the values of the speed bins and the total traffic volume for each bin. At least half the vehicles were traveling in the 50 - 60 KM/H range or lower. The average speed for all classifed vehicles was 53 KM/H with 64.75% vehicles exceeding the posted speed of 50 KM/H. 0.48% percent of the total vehicles were traveling in excess of 89 KM/H. The mode speed for this traffic study was 50KM/H and the 85th percentile was 59.73 KM/H.

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CHART 1

CLASSIFICATION

Chart 2 lists the values of the classification bins and the total traffic volume accumulated for each bin. Most of the vehicles classified during the study were Passenger Vehicles. The number of Passenger Vehicles in the study was 2012 which represents 97 percent of the total classified vehicles. The number of Small Trucks in the study was 27 which represents 1 percent of the total classified vehicles. The number of Trucks/Buses in the study was 21 which represents 1 percent of the total classified vehicles. The number of Tractor Trailers in the study was 8 which represents 0 percent of the total classified vehicles.

< to 4.9	5.0 to 7.9	8.0 to 9.9	10.0 to 12.9	13.0 to 15.9	16.0 to 18.9	19.0 to 21.9	22.0 to >				
1032	980	27	21	7	0	1	0				

CHART 2

HEADWAY

During the peak traffic period, on 2023-05-09 at [04:45 PM-05:00 PM] the average headway between vehicles was 15.517 seconds. During the slowest traffic period, on 2023-05-09 at [12:30 AM-12:45 AM] the average headway between vehicles was 900 seconds.

WEATHER

The roadway surface temperature over the period of the study varied between 12.00 and 40.00 degrees C.

Appendix B – Assumed Developments







Total estimated residential units: 58 units