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City of Guelph Council
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November 19, 2020

Dear Mayor & Councilors,

RE: Proposed Mirco-Transit Servicing Hanlon Creek Business Park

Further to my letter of November 21, 2019 (included herewith) and my subsequent delegation on November 25th (on behalf of the Guelph Humane Society) supporting the proposed 'Route 19' bus route, I want to again reiterate how important this transit route and service is to our community organization. As you know, our new facility located at 190 Hanlon Creek Blvd is scheduled to open in February 2021.

While we recognize the significant investment the City needed to make in this bus route run, coupled with the financial constraints that COVID-19 has created, we were disappointed to learn that implementation was deferred and not included in the proposed 2021 budget. This transit service will allow the residents of Guelph to access vital community infrastructure offered at the Guelph Humane Society, including the City's own animal services and pound. It will also be necessary to the approximately 35 staff and over 300 volunteers, who will utilize the bus to visit GHS 7-days a week.

We are pleased to learn about the micro-transit option presented to Council as an alternative to 'Route 19' in the Information Report dated October 30, 2020. With the opening of our new facility only months away, we are keen to secure public transit to the Hanlon Creek Business Park. The micro-transit option creates a flexible and on-demand system for our patrons, which ensures an accessible way to reach our community organization. The Guelph Humane Society wholeheartedly supports this option (especially with 7-day a week service), and we hope Council will as well.

Should Council require any further information from the Guelph Humane Society, please do hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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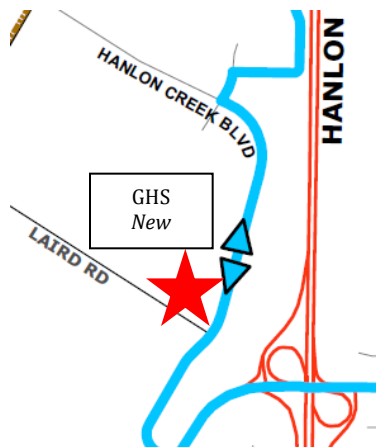
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November 21, 2019

Dear Mayor & Councilors,

RE: Proposed Bus Route in Hanlon Creek Business Park

On behalf of the Guelph Humane Society, I am pleased to support the proposed 'Option 1' bus route being contemplated by Council. This route provides service through the Hanlon Creek Business Park, as well as the residential area along Teal Drive. More significantly, this proposed route will pass directly in front of the Guelph Humane Society's new location at 190 Hanlon Creek Blvd., at the northwest corner of Hanlon Creek Blvd. and Laird Rd., as noted in the diagram below. Construction is underway and the new humane society facility is set to open in Fall 2020.



While we recognize the significant investment the City will make in this bus route, it will allow the residents of Guelph to access vital services and community infrastructure offered at the Guelph Humane Society, including the City's animal services and pound. It will also be important to the approximately 35 staff, who work at the humane society and may not have access to a vehicle. GHS is also fortunate to have over 300 volunteers, who support the humane society and utilize the bus to come to GHS.

I am happy to discuss the importance of this proposed bus route to our charitable organization with Council on November 25th.

Sincerely,

Adrienne McBride
Executive Director