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Wellington County Council

Re: Proposed Frederick St. Roundabout in Arthur

The Wellington Federation of Agriculture (WFA) is the largest farm organization in the County of Wellington and works in concert with the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA), the largest farm organization in Ontario. Both federations work to develop consensus in a diverse agriculture industry and lobby for policies that create a sustainable and profitable environment for farming in Ontario. WFA represents the interests of over 1400 farm business within the County of Wellington.

WFA has been contacted by many of its members, who are concerned with the proposed roundabout in Arthur and its ability to accommodate farm equipment of both a small and large scale.

We feel that this is a valid concern, as a roundabout was constructed in York Region in 2013. It was initially thought to accommodate farm equipment and agricultural organizations were not consulted prior to construction. After construction began, it was discovered farm equipment could not effectively pass through the intersection. It had to be partially reconstructed after consultation with the farming community—at a cost to the municipality. To date, WFA has neither been consulted nor seen any plans on the proposed construction.

This is a very busy route, and if the intersection is not easily passable, farmers may be forced to take other routes that may be more problematic to both drivers and pedestrians.

WFA would request that other options to the roundabout be considered, and that if the roundabout deemed necessary –WFA be consulted to ensure that large scale farm equipment may easily navigate the intersection.

Kind Regards,

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