

Memo

To: Clerks Department
From: Sheila Kolanko – Property Manager/Legal Department
Date: June 15th, 2021
Re: Public Hearing related to Proposed Closure of portion of 8th Street, New Waterford

Please find attached six (6) written responses/comments received regarding the request to close portion of 8th Street, New Waterford as part of the New Waterford Hub Project.

I would also like to note that I received one phone message on Saturday June 12th, 2021 at 11:34 am from Malcolm Nemis, a resident of 681 Willow Street, New Waterford in support of the proposed closure. He advised that he supported the idea for safety because the cars presently drive too fast on the street. He stated he was “100% in favour” .

Summary:

7 Comments were received as of June 15th, 2021 at 10:48am

3 in favour of the closure

3 opposed the closure

1 - asking general questions

From: [Grace White](#)
To: [Sheila P. Kolanko](#)
Subject: street closure - New Waterford
Date: June 13, 2021 10:36:10 AM

Did anyone read the notice in the Cape Breton Post about a meeting to take place in SYDNEY at 6 pm Tuesday regarding the closing of Eighth Street between Landry Avenue and the Railroad Tracks. Again this was placed only on Saturday's paper. They did the same thing when they made all the decisions to put the new field etc. at BEC. The original deal was a Health Center where the old Mount Carmel School was which had a lot of parking built into the deal. We are a senior's population and need the health center - we have lost our Out Patient department - and a lot of our Doctors have retired. Now with the closure of the street - and making it a green space - where will people park when going to the games and in the far future - if and when we get the health center and the old folks home built there - where is the room for parking and are the seniors supposed to park on the street and walk lord knows how far. This back room deals have got to stop. Email spkolanko@cbrm.ns.ca if you have an opinion or Call our councillor Darren O'Quinn



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From: [Deanna Hogan](#)
To: [Sheila P. Kolanko](#)
Subject: 8th street new waterford
Date: June 13, 2021 8:57:30 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in concern to partial loss of 8th street in New waterford. My concern is with this high traffic area being taken away there will be an increase in motor vehicle travel on the surrounding avenues. These avenues consist of fairly residential homes with many small children who will be put at risk because of the increased vehicle flow. Kids play hockey, basketball, ride bikes on these streets because they are safe but I am afraid they will lose this right if all traffic from 8th street gets diverted onto adjacent avenues. Kids today have had too much taken from them what they haven't is the right to play safe outside. 8th street is a main road stretching through our entire town beginning and crossing every main artery. It is one of the main roads to the high school and hub project, is far too busy and necessary for access to these places to be taken away. Please consider the increasing traffic that will be caused on these smaller avenues that were not made to handle this increase before making a final decision to take away part of a main artery in our town.

Thank you
Deanna Hogan
Concerned citizen

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From: [Mary MacMillan](#)
To: [Sheila P. Kolanko](#)
Subject: 8th Street Closure
Date: June 13, 2021 8:29:14 PM

Enough already-no expense was spared on creating Professional Sports Facilities for a Town that has the lowest number of children since the 1970's. The same thinking is now applied to closing a part of 8th Street- which is one of only 3 straight roads out of Town. Most of the population of New Waterford lives below the proposed closure. This road is used by hundreds of residents for many reasons- with no entrance to the new facilities all traffic will have to to enter- School, Long Term Care, Health Centre from Gibbon- which means Staff,Students Clients, HealthCare Users will have to walk a great distance through traffic converging at all points. Where are the above people going to park? Where are the buses ambulances, fire engines going to get access to these buildings? The buildings themselves could be moved closer to Gibbon -thus providing access from any portion of 8th street.During the past and ongoing construction the closure of that part was very inconvenient. .The short amount of timefor people to be informed appears to be very suspicious-Ad in paper June12th =Meeting June14th ?No flyer announcing change -using pandemic a very sly tool to .fool the public. We the public have aright to know and be informed early of changes that affect the whole Town. I encourage council to defeat this motion with out delay.

Respectfully, Mary Mac Millan

562-8th Street

From: [Matthew Brown](#)
To: [Sheila P. Kolanko](#)
Subject: New Waterford Hub Project - Planned Eighth St. Closure
Date: June 13, 2021 7:40:47 PM

Good Evening,

I'm writing to ask about the recently announced closure of the section of Eighth Street bordering Breton Education Centre in New Waterford. Specifically, how the traffic flow around B.E.C. will be affected by this, and the eventual closure of Lowell Cormier Avenue to make way for further development.

I attended B.E.C., have worked there, and intend to send my child there, and have seen considerable congestion around the school, particularly the main entrance near bus arrival and dismissal times. I was hoping to learn how the traffic and parking around the school will be handled once developments are completed, and the school will be bordered by health clinics, sports facilities, and an active railway. Will all school-related traffic be directed through the adjacent section of Gibbon Street?

Thank you for your time.

Matthew Brown

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From: [Keegan Bonnar](#)
To: [Sheila P. Kolanko](#)
Subject: Road closure - Eighth Street New Waterford
Date: June 14, 2021 8:49:57 AM

Good Day,

I am writing to show my support for the closure of 8th street in the area of the New Waterford Hub.

I will like to suggest that the area of 8th street by BEC be renamed Lowell Cormier Street, to make up for the closure of Lowell Cormier Ave that was closed as part of this project.

Keegan T. Bonnar

326 Hudson Street, New Waterford

FireFighter, New Waterford Vol. Fire Department
Member, CBRFS Training & Prevention Division

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From: [Marcy Mackinnon](#)
To: [Sheila P. Kolanko](#)
Subject: 8th Street in New Waterford
Date: June 15, 2021 12:58:57 AM

Hi Sheila,

I just saw the notice about the intention to close a portion of 8th Street in New Waterford. I see the deadline to submit was 4:00 pm, so I understand if it's too late for my comments to be included.

I would like to express my support for the closure. Having seen the preliminary plans for the New Waterford Hub, I believe the closure would really contribute to the overall goals of the facility. It would allow the Hub to open up to the new recreation complex, creating a feeling of an integrated campus that promotes active living and wellness.

I believe there are safety concerns with pedestrians - especially children - coming and going from the new recreation complex onto a road that can be busy at times (even more so once games begin to be played on the new field). The partial street closure would eliminate these concerns. As well, given the new BEC gym is expected to be built adjacent to 8th Street, closing that section of the street would allow Physical Education classes to utilize the outdoor facilities without fear of traffic. Finally, the closure would allow long term care residents to have safe access to the complex.

I understand there could be an inconvenience associated with the street closure. Once the Hub is built, however, it is my understanding both sides of the closed section of the street would lead into the Hub in some way (perhaps into parking lots) so that they wouldn't simply be dead ends. Assuming there are no issues for emergency vehicles, I believe the inconvenience would be minimal once the facility is complete.

To sum up my comments, I believe blocking access to a small portion of 8th Street would result in an integrated campus that would greatly enhance the New Waterford Hub model. As well, it would ensure safe movement of people of all ages throughout the campus.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my support.

I hope all is well with you and your family.

Kind regards,
Marcy