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**RE: SLOW MOVING FARM VEHICLE SIGNAGE ON REGIONAL
ROADS, FILE: C07-02-02 (2005-J-09) (OUR FILE: D21-00/T02-00)**

The Joint Planning and Works Committee of Regional Council considered the above matter and at a meeting held on May 4, 2005, Council adopted the following recommendations of the Committee (please take note of part d) of the recommendations):

- "a) THAT the Planning and Works Committees receive Commissioner's Report No. 2005-J-09 for information;
- b) THAT the Province of Ontario be requested to incorporate the Slow Moving Farm Vehicle Signage as a Provincial standard;
- c) THAT a copy of Commissioner's Report No. 2005-J-09 be forwarded to the Durham Regional Police Services, the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee, the Ministry of Transportation, and the area municipalities for their information; and
- d) FURTHER, that the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) be advised and requested to adopt and forward the resolution to all Ontario Municipalities for their adoption and recommendation to the Province of Ontario."

Enclosed for your information is a copy of Report #2005-J-09 of the Joint Planning and Works Committees. Would you kindly forward this correspondence to all Ontario Municipalities, as per Council's recommendation. Thank you.

P.M. Madill, A.M.C.T., CMM I
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Encl.

c: C. Curtis, Commissioner of works
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The Regional Municipality of Durham

To: The Planning and Works Committees
From: Commissioners of Planning and Works
Report No.: 2005-J-09
Date: April 19, 2005 – Planning Committee
April 20, 2005 – Works Committee

SUBJECT:

Slow Moving Farm Vehicle Signage on Regional Roads, File: C07-02-02

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- a) THAT Planning and Works Committees receive Commissioner's Report No. 2005-J-09 for information; and
 - b) THAT a copy of Commissioner's Report No. 2005-J-09 be forwarded to the Durham Regional Police Services, the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee, the Ministry of Transportation, and the area municipalities for their information.
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REPORT:

1. BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

- 1.1 On December 7, 2004, Regional Council adopted a recommendation of joint Planning and Works Committees instructing the Works Department to install 'Slow Moving Farm Vehicle' signs in on the Regional Road System. Appropriate locations for about 50 signs are to be determined in consultation with the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC).
- 1.2 This direction was in addition to the work already initiated by the Slow Moving Farm Vehicles (SMFV) Working Group consisting of Planning and Works staff, DAAC, Durham Regional Police Services (DRPS) and the Ministry of Transportation (MTO), to develop a program to raise awareness and other measures, to enhance the safety of slow moving farm vehicles on Regional Roads.

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- 1.3 The purpose of this report is to update Committees and Council on the progress being made to implement these initiatives.
2. **SLOW MOVING FARM VEHICLE AWARENESS PROGRAM**
- 2.1 The SMFV Working Group is focusing its efforts on developing an Awareness Program that will:
- increase community safety and awareness of farm equipment on Regional roads; and
 - educate drivers of their responsibility when meeting slow moving farm vehicles.
- 2.2 The goal is to enhance the safe movement of vehicles travelling within the farming communities of Durham Region through the use of education, engineering and enforcement.
- 2.3 To implement Council's direction, the Working Group has concentrated it's initial efforts on the development of a Regional Road Signage Program. Works Department staff, in consultation with the Working Group, designed a new traffic warning sign, as illustrated in Attachment 1 (Figure 1). At their February 1, 2005 meeting, DAAC passed a resolution supporting the proposed design. The appropriate locations for 50 of the signs have also been determined.
- 2.4 The first Regional Road sign will be placed on the south side of Highway #2, east of Courtice Road at 10:00 a.m on Monday, April 25th. Arrangements are being made for this to be a media event. Additional signs will be installed throughout the spring and summer with a completion by October, 2005.
- 2.5 To further raise awareness and support the new Regional Road Signage Program, DRPS will, at the same time, launch an initiative, entitled "Operation Haywagon". During the weeklong campaign, the DRPS and OPP will patrol Durham's rural community targeting aggressive driving and unfit vehicles. They will also target slow moving farm vehicles not displaying the required, provincially regulated, slow moving vehicle caution sign (refer to Attachment

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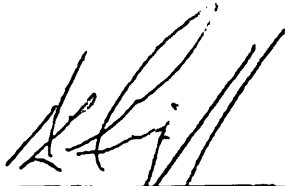
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No. 1, Figure 2). "Operation Haywagon II" will be launched on October 10th, to coincide with the installment of the 50th sign, and will target the same issues.

- 2.6 The SMFV Working Group has also developed a poster in support of the signage program (Refer to Attachment No. 2). Posters will be displayed in Regional and local government buildings, libraries, police offices, private businesses and at local fairs.

3. **CONCLUSIONS**

- 3.1 The Working Group will continue to develop the SMFV Awareness Program and monitor its effectiveness. Regional Planning and Works Committees will be kept informed of the program as it is developed further.
- 3.2 The DRPS and DAAC concur with this report.



A.L. Georgioff, M.C.I.P., R.P.P.
Commissioner of Planning



Clifford Curtis, P. Eng., MBA
Commissioner of Works

- Attachments:
1. Slow Moving Farm Vehicle Warning Sign and Provincial Caution Sign
 2. Slow Moving Farm Vehicle Poster

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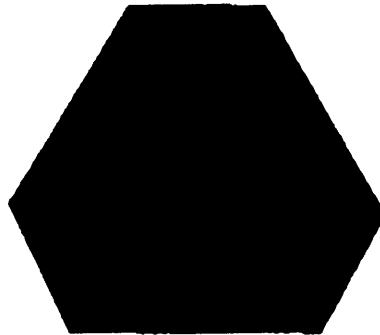
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Figure 1



NEW TRAFFIC WARNING SIGN
(TO BE PLACED ON REGIONAL ROADS)

Figure 2



PROVINCIALY REGULATED SLOW MOVING
VEHICLE CAUTION SIGN (AFFIXED TO THE REAR
OF SLOW MOVING VEHICLES THAT
TRAVEL AT LESS THAN 40 km/h)

CAUTION:

**YOU MAY ENCOUNTER SLOW
MOVING VEHICLES AT ANY TIME.
WATCH FOR THESE SIGNS:**



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