



## Media Release – January 21, 2025

### **Town of Shelburne meets with Assistant Deputy Minister, MTO regarding Truck Bypass/truck route**

Mayor Wade Mills and Town representatives made a presentation to the Assistant Deputy Minister of Transportation (MTO) Eric Doidge on January 20, 2025 at the annual ROMA conference in Toronto.

The Town of Shelburne been asking MTO for a solution regarding heavy truck traffic on Highway 10 and 89 since 2003.

The meeting with the Assistant Deputy Minister, stated Mayor Mills, “allowed this critical issue for the Town to be re-stated and provided a compelling presentation which included why the Town believes that a truck bypass/truck route is needed to:

- Support safe and timely movement of goods and services.
- Recognize and try to limit the impacts of truck traffic on the interests of our community such as safety, congestion, noise, and air quality.
- Realize the vision for Shelburne’s downtown and main street corridors as vibrant, mixed use, pedestrian-oriented places.
- Support the Town’s commitment to building more homes as part of Ontario’s targets given buyers who value a small town see the existing truck related impacts the Town faces as a deterrent to choosing Shelburne.
- Unlock the intensification and redevelopment potential of Shelburne’s core areas consistent with provincial, County, and local planning policies.

The Town included videos of what the Town endures due to heavy truck traffic in our community [https://youtu.be/Lb\\_KoSuGt3c](https://youtu.be/Lb_KoSuGt3c) and presented potential routes that be considered for a truck by-pass. The Town of Shelburne delegation included:

- That MTO engagement/leadership/facilitation be implemented to take this to the next step by working with municipalities and Dufferin County to define a preferred route given the Town of Shelburne believes the process and transportation planning has progressed as far as it can at the municipal level.
- That MTO explore solutions based on the potential route options a number of municipalities have reviewed for a truck bypass/truck route. This approach may involve acquiring lands to build a new section of Highway 10/89 around Shelburne.

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