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To:Peter J. LesdowFrom:Rudy SooklallDate:June 27, 2024Subject:7302 Kalar Road Traffic Impact Study Terms of Reference Correspondence

1.0 Introduction

TraffMobility Engineering Inc. ("TraffMobility") was retained to undertake a Traffic Impact Study ("TIS") as part of the development application for the proposed development at 7302 Kalar Road in the City of Niagara of Falls ("City"), Ontario.

The study scope was discussed and confirmed with City staff. This memo documents the TIS Terms of Reference ("TOR") correspondence with City staff.

2.0 Traffic Impact Study Terms of Reference

A Terms of Reference ("TOR") for the 7302 Kalar Road TIS dated August 8, 2023 was submitted to the City for review and approval. City staff provided comments on the TOR in an email dated August 9, 2023 along with the following information to be considered in the TIS:

- Turning Movement Count at the Kalar Road and McLeod Road intersection
- Site trips for adjacent background developments
- City of Niagara Falls TIS Guidelines

Details on the TOR correspondence are provided in Attachment A.

Sincerely,

TraffMobility Engineering Inc.

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Attachment A: Terms of Reference Correspondence



Attachment 1

Terms of Reference Correspondence

Mustafa Ismatyar

From:	John Grubich <jgrubich@niagarafalls.ca></jgrubich@niagarafalls.ca>
Sent:	Wednesday, August 9, 2023 11:25 AM
То:	Mustafa Ismatyar
Cc:	Mathew Bilodeau
Subject:	RE: [EXTERNAL]-Request for Information
Attachments:	McLeod & Kalar NE Corner Apts Trips.png; McLeod Rd @ Kalar Rd TMC.pdf; Pin Oak Subdivision Trips.pdf; Splendour AM.png; Splendour PM.png; Stacked Townhouse Trips.pdf
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Mustafa;

Thank you for forwarding your terms of reference for the traffic study you will be carrying out for the proposed development at 7302 Kalar Road. I have a few comments:

2.2 Data Collection

- I have attached a May 2023 TMC for the Kalar Road & McLeod Road intersection that you can use as base volumes.

2.4 Horizon Years

Can be revised to:

- existing (2023)
- projected opening year (20xx)
- 5 years after opening year (20xx +5)

2.7 Background Developments & Growth Rate

- please use a 2% annual growth rate
- The City will be embarking on an EA study for McLeod Road, from Kalar Road to Thorold Townline Road. This will occur after the TMP update and Garner West Secondary Plan.
- There are numerous approved or in progress background developments that directly affect the study area. Site trips for each are attached.
 - Splendour subdivision (construction in progress)
 - Elementary school (in site plan stage)
 - o 2 apartment buildings on the northeast corner of Kalar/McLeod (zoning approval)
 - Proposed townhouse development on the east side of Kalar Road, south of Mulberry Drive (in zoning stage)
 - Proposed subdivision extending east from Kalar Road, opposite Elderberry Drive (in zoning stage)

2.8 Capacity Analysis

- Please use a 1,750 saturation flow rate
- Refer to our guidelines for guidance: <u>https://niagarafalls.ca/pdf/traffic/traffic-impact-study-guidelines.pdf</u>
- Add: Assess if a left turn lane is warranted on Kalar Road at the site access, per MTO warrants.

2.9 Parking Assessment

The City will accept a 1.25 parking space per unit rate given that the site abuts a transit route. The preliminary plan City Staff reviewed noted that a 1.25 rate would be used. If the applicant intends on providing less than 1.25, a parking study would be required. If so, a terms of reference for the parking study is required, before beginning work on this aspect.

I hope this information is helpful for your study. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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From: Mustafa Ismatyar <Mustafa.Ismatyar@traffmobility.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2023 9:55 AM
To: John Grubich <jgrubich@niagarafalls.ca>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL]-Request for Information

Good morning John,

Thank you for your prompt email, much appreciated. I hope you had a great break.

Please find attached the Terms of Reference (TOR) for a Traffic Impact Study for the proposed residential development at 7302 Kalar Road for your review. I would greatly appreciate your comments/feedback.

Also, I would appreciate if you could identify and share land use and trips generation information regarding any **background developments** as well as the **growth rate** to be considered for the TIS.

Regards,

Mustafa Ismatyar, P.Eng. Project Manager

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From: John Grubich <jgrubich@niagarafalls.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2023 9:22 AM
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Hello Mustafa;

I am back in the office. Please feel free to send me your terms of reference for the traffic impact study you are preparing for a proposed residential development in Niagara Falls.



MEMO

То:	John Grubich – City of Niagara Falls
From:	Mustafa Ismatyar
cc:	Rudy Sooklall (TraffMobility)
Date:	August 8, 2023
Subject:	Terms of Reference for 7302 Kalar Road Traffic Impact Study

1.0 Introduction

TraffMobility Engineering Inc. ("TraffMobility") has been commissioned to undertake a Traffic Impact Study ("TIS") for the proposed development at 7302 Kalar Road in the City of Niagara of Falls ("City"), Ontario. The draft site plan is provided in **Attachment A**.

2.0 Terms of Reference

The proposed Terms of Reference (ToR) for this study are provided below.

2.1 Study Area

The proposed development will consist of two residential condominiums with a total of 412 units. A total of 516 parking spaces will be provided. The subject site is located on the east side of Kalar Road approximately 65 metres south of McLeod Road as shown in **Figure 1**.



Figure 1: Site Location and Study Intersection



TraffMobility is proposing the following intersections to be included in the analysis that would constitute the study area limits:

- Kalar Road at McLeod Road
- Kalar Road at Site Access

2.2 Data Collection

TraffMobility will obtain from the City relevant and available data including turning movement counts (TMC), proposed adjacent background development details including site trips, and prevailing growth rates in the study area.

2.3 Existing Infrastructure in the Study Area

The study will outline the existing conditions in the study area in detail which would also include description of key infrastructure elements in addition to typical roadway features. These items will include posted speed, number of lanes, transit service through the study area, sidewalk and bike lane provisions.

2.4 Horizon Years for the Traffic Analysis

TraffMobility proposes to undertake the traffic analysis for the following horizon years for the purpose of this study as per the City's *"Guidelines for the Preparation of Transportation Impact Studies and Site Plan Review"*:

- 2023 Existing Conditions
- 2033 Future Background Conditions (without the proposed development site traffic)
- 2033 Future Total Conditions (with the proposed development site traffic)

2.5 Analysis Periods

TraffMobility will undertake the traffic capacity analyses for the above noted horizon years for the weekday AM and weekday PM peak periods. It is expected that the traffic counts will cover the periods from 7:00 am to 9:00 am for the weekday AM peak period and 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm for the weekday PM peak period.

2.6 Site Trip Generation

TraffMobility will forecast peak hour trip generation for the proposed development using the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) Trip Generation Manual, 11th Edition. A combination of access to major transportation infrastructure and 2016 TTS study area origin-destination (O-D) patterns will be used to determine the proposed development auto trip distribution.

2.7 Background Development Information and Growth Rate

In order to estimate the background traffic generated by other developments in the area, TraffMobility is requesting the City to identify and share land use and trip generation information for adjacent developments and the growth rate to be considered in the study.

2.8 Capacity Analysis

TraffMobility proposes to use the Synchro 11 software for the traffic analyses unless otherwise specified. This study will use the Highway Capacity Manual ("HCM") 2000 outputs. Any future



operational concerns at the study area will be identified and appropriate mitigation measures will be recommended.

2.9 Parking Assessment

TraffMobility will assess the parking requirements associated with the proposed development, and to confirm the proposed parking supply is sufficient to meet the parking requirements per the City's Zoning By-law. In addition to parking supply, TraffMobility will confirm the City's By-law requirements for the parking layout design including driveway/aisle widths and size of parking spaces.

2.10 Site Plan Review

TraffMobility will conduct a detailed site plan review including swept path analysis for the waste collection vehicle and fire truck movements entering and exiting the site. Moreover, a swept path analysis will be carried out using a passenger car to assess site circulation within the site and designated parking areas.

2.11 Documentation

TraffMobility will prepare a draft Traffic Impact Study report documenting the methodology, assumptions, and findings of the study. The draft report will be sent to the City for review and comments.

Thank you for your time and please feel free to contact the undersigned should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

TraffMobility

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Mustafa Ismatyar, P.Eng. Project Manager

Attachments:

Attachment A – Draft Site Plan



Attachment A

