



Agenda

Operations Committee

Chair: Councillor Plummer
Tuesday, April 15, 2025
Council Chambers
6:00 p.m.

(This meeting is live streamed on the [City's YouTube page](#) or it can be viewed on YourTV Community Channel 12)

1. **Land Acknowledgement**
2. **Call to Order**
3. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof**
4. **Approval/Amendment of Meeting Agenda**
5. **Approval of Minutes**
 - Operations Committee – March 18, 2025
6. **Business Arising from Minutes**
7. **Presentations and Delegations**
 - a. Mayor's Award
 - b. Pembroke Legion Crosswalk
 - *Pembroke Legion President, Stan Halliday and Rick Powers*
8. **New Business**
 - a. Veteran's Crosswalk Proposal - Director Lewis
 - b. Horace Street Petition – Second Entrance to BSCHS - Director Lewis
9. **Adjournment**

Operations Committee Meeting Draft Minutes

Council Chambers
Pembroke, Ontario
March 18, 2025
6:00 p.m.

Mayor Gervais opened the meeting with a moment of silence to recognize and reflect on the recent passing of Jamie Bramburger, Interim Dean of Algonquin College and community leader.

1. Land Acknowledgement

2. Call to Order

Present:

Mayor Gervais, Chair
Deputy Mayor Abdallah
Councillor Jacyno
Councillor Kuehl
Councillor Lafreniere

Regrets:

Councillor Plummer
Councillor Purcell

Also Present:

David Unrau, Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy Clerk
Victoria Charbonneau, Municipal Clerk
Heather Sutherland, Economic Development and Information Officer
Brian Lewis, Director of Operations

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interests declared.

4. Approval/Amendment of Meeting Agenda

Resolution OPS 25-03-01

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That the agenda of the Operations Committee meeting of March 18, 2025, be approved as circulated.

Carried

5. Approval of Minutes

a. Operations Committee – February 18, 2025

Resolution OPS 25-03-02

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That the minutes of the Operations Committee meeting of February 18, 2025, be approved as circulated.

Carried

6. Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

7. Presentations and Delegations

a. Renfrew County District School Board

Jennifer Barnes, Jacqueline Poirier, and Leo Boland of the Renfrew County School Board were present to present on behalf of the school board, annual highlights that are relevant to the City of Pembroke Council and how future partnership opportunities may be explored.

- Highlights on labour shortages in the County of Renfrew were noted and opportunities to explore specific initiatives aimed at addressing these gaps.
- Questions and acknowledgement of the transportation strike in the fall of 2024. School board representatives stated that the current agreements are valid for 5 (with up to 2 year potential extensions).
- Highlight of the positive steps taken into Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, and reconciliation within the school board programming for students. In addition, priority days are being soft launched this year and will be fully implemented next year. Priority days are made in respect of significant days in reverence to other cultures and religions where the school board will not be having any other major events on those days (e.g. examination days, professional development days etc.) so that those who observe those days do not miss out on them due to school events etc.

8. New Business

a. Storage Suites Developments Purchase in McCool Business Park

Economic Development and Communications Officer Sutherland presented the report.

Resolution OPS 25-03-03

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

That the Operations Committee endorse and recommend to Council approval to enter into an Agreement to Purchase and Sale with Storage Suites Developments Inc. for property known municipally as 124 Woodcrest Drive located in the McCool Business Park, as presented.

Carried

b. Funding Agreement – Highway 148 Reconstruction

Director Lewis presented the report. A discussion was held, and the following points were raised:

- Question regarding anticipated start date for project. Response included update from MTO was that major reconstruction is not expected in 2025. MTO is in preparation stages for the project but not ready for project implementation. The intent is to carry two lanes of traffic through the full length of reconstruction. It is anticipated that preparation for a widened road will be started in 2025 to redirect traffic in preparation for actual reconstruction work to commence in approximately 2026.
- Question was raised regarding the budget number presented. It was asked if the costs are to be fixed or will the tendering process likely increase it. Response included that tendering has not occurred to date. City staff believe the project cost presented to be an upset limit. In addition, there is a clause in agreement that it is subject to change based on external factors. A contingency allowance is included in the project cost to cover some variations.

- Question regarding the installation of a secondary sanitary line underground was posed, and if this project presents an opportunity to complete the infrastructure improvement task for cost efficiency. It was responded that this project will be the City's only opportunity to conduct expansion for underground works for the next forecasted 20 years (due to a moratorium that will be in place by MTO halting all underground works after the road project is complete). The sanitary line in the City of Pembroke serviced area will be added under this project.
- The agreement has been vetted by two separate legal teams to ensure proper compliance is stated and that language is clear on what works are to be completed. Further, clarifications on works to be completed during the project are highlighted in the agreement's appendices.

Resolution OPS 25-03-04

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Kuehl

That the Operations Committee endorse and recommend to Council the approval of the funding agreement for the City's work under the Highway 148 Reconstruction project, as presented.

Carried

c. Highway 148 Sidewalk Agreement – Ongoing Maintenance and Repair

Director Lewis presented the report. A discussion was held, and the following points were raised:

- Question about winter maintenance of sidewalk that extends past City of Pembroke boundaries (into Township of Laurentian Valley limits). It was responded that the MTO will not extend a sidewalk unless there is a maintenance agreement in place and that would be for Laurentian Valley to formalize.

Resolution OPS 25-03-05

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That the Operations Committee endorse and recommend to Council the approval of the sidewalk agreement for the ongoing maintenance and repair of a City sidewalk installed within the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) right-of-way, as presented.

Carried

d. Crandall Street Pumping Station Upgrades – Request for Tender 21-2045D Tender Award

Director Lewis presented the report. A discussion was held, and the following points were raised:

- Question regarding potential increase in tariffs and how this may affect the overall project costs. Response included that should projects be significantly impacted, the ones that are currently underway will have to continue. Ones that are not underway will need to be evaluated through the capital budget and assessed accordingly with the Treasurer.
- In addition, all City contracts and documents now have clauses that in the event of unbeknownst heavy tariffs that the City will work with contractor to find a path forward through negotiations to ensure work gets done. Without these types of clauses, it is likely that the City would not get sufficient bids to complete necessary works and projects.

Resolution OPS 25-03-06

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

That the Operations Committee endorse and recommend to Council that it approve and award the Crandall Street Pumping Station Upgrade Contract No. 21-2045D to Black and McDonald Limited in the amount of \$789,675.00 plus HST, with an contingency allowance in the amount of \$50,000.00 for additional expenditures as required, with any budget shortfall funded from the Highway 148

Reconstruction Project surplus funds, for a total project value of \$839,675.00 plus applicable HST, as presented.

Carried

e. Waste Management Contract Extension

Director Lewis presented the report. A discussion was held, and the following points were raised:

- Question about bulk items, does the City pay per tonne and if there is an actual saving? Will it simply increase the volume of bulk items in the spring if the fall bulk item pick up is cancelled.
- It was clarified that the waste pick up 2026 calendar development will be brought to council for approval at a future meeting and that bulk item pick up can be addressed and confirmed at that time.

Resolution OPS 25-03-07

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That the Operations Committee endorse and recommend to Council approval of award for the extension of the Waste Management Contract to Miller Waste by nine (9) months over the period of April 1, 2025 to December 3, 2025, at Miller Waste's proposed rates; furthermore, that a second one (1) year extension be applied over the period of January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026, at the Partner Municipalities average blended rate, as presented.

Carried

f. LAS Municipal Staff Committee Water and Wastewater Joint Municipal Services Corporation Business Case Development

CAO Unrau presented the report. A discussion was held, and the following points were raised:

- LAS has presented the framework for other municipalities that has been adopted into this
- It was highlighted that municipal service corporation shares the same staffing structure as current model, within a separate entity.
- Municipality will have influence over the governance structure and how it operates.
- It was highlighted that the decision before Council is to proceed with working with LAS and partner municipalities to create a business case to outline the concept to present in the future for further exploration of opportunities and decision. Municipal corporations have different funding model and abilities. The business case will further educate the municipality on the opportunity to explore the idea and determine if it is advantageous for the City of Pembroke to engage in.
- The benefits of exploring innovative and collaborative opportunities, and to find efficiencies.
- Question about the anticipated amount of staff time require to gather information needed. It was responded that the CAO will coordinate the gathering of information from required staff and that staff have continuously worked to compile and analyze data and it is readily available.
- Question about the Township of Laurentian Valley and the fact that the City is currently tied to them through current water agreements. It was responded that the Township of Whitewater Region has passed the proposed resolution recently, and the Township of Laurentian Valley will be bringing forward a resolution in the near future to proceed in this fashion and explore options and opportunities.

Resolution OPS 25-03-08

Moved by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

That the Operations Committee receive LAS Municipal Staff Committee – Water and Wastewater Utility Business Case Development; and furthermore, that CAO David Unrau, be nominated to participate in the Municipal Staff Committee being created by LAS to develop a business case for potentially creating a joint municipal services corporation water and wastewater, as presented.

Carried

9. Adjournment

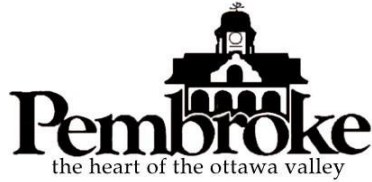
Resolution OPS 25-03-09

Moved by Councillor Kuehl

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Abdallah

That the Operations Committee meeting of March 18, 2025, adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

Carried



Committee Report

To: Councillor Andrew Plummer
Operations Committee

From: Brian Lewis, Director
Operations Department

Date: 2025-04-15

Subject : Veteran's Crosswalk Proposal

Recommendation:

That the City of Pembroke Operations Committee recommends to Council approval of the installation of a durable line marking crosswalk to honor Canadian Veterans, at the intersection of Pembroke Street East and Mackay Street; and

Furthermore, that Council approve a cost sharing agreement with the City's contribution being 50% to a maximum of \$5,000 funded from the Traffic Control O&M budget.

CAO Review :

CAO has reviewed this report and is in concurrence with the recommendations.

David Unrau, P.Eng., PMP

Financial Comment:

Third party contract would be used for this installation paid by the City with all costs above the City's contribution being invoiced to the Pembroke Legion. Costs for City Staff, associated with traffic control to assist the contractor and to review the demo of this installation, would be charged to current O&M accounts as a 'donation-in-kind'.

Angela Lochtie
Treasurer/Deputy Clerk



Background:

The City has been in discussion with the Pembroke branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, regarding a partnership to install a commemorative crosswalk adjacent to the Cenotaph on Pembroke Street East this summer 2025. The crosswalk would cross Mackay Street on Pembroke Street East.

Several municipalities in Ontario have installed similar commemorative crosswalks honouring Canada's veterans.

The Legion would like to have the crosswalk installed by early September in time for Legion Week.

Discussion:

The Operations Department has reviewed this request and has found no concerns or safety issues with installing this durable line marking crosswalk at this location. Traffic signals exist at this location, so traffic management and pedestrian control is already in place.

Mr. Rick Powers, Legion representative, obtained a quote from the contractor for the installation at \$8,800 plus HST

The contractor proposed for the installation is the City's contractor for the annual road line painting. The product is a durable poured in place line marking product the Operations Department would like to trial in comparison to the torch on product the City used in 2024 at other locations in the City. The product has an estimated life span of 3-5 years.

Installation will occur in conjunction with the City's annual line painting contract and notification to the travelling public will be provided in advance, as Mackay Street north of Pembroke Street East will need to be closed temporarily for this installation.

Alternatives Considered:

N/A

Strategic Plan Impact:

Develop and maintain critical partnerships.

Attachments:

Appendix A - Veteran's Crosswalk location diagram

Appendix B - Proposed Location picture

Appendix C - Picture of similar crosswalk



Respectfully submitted,

Brian Lewis, Director
Operations Department



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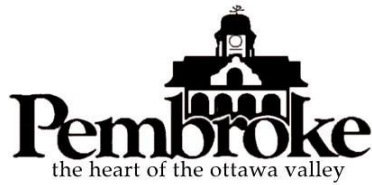




Veteran's Crosswalk

Proposed location





Committee Report

To: Councillor Andrew Plummer
Operations Committee

From: Brian Lewis, Director
Operations Department

Date: 2025-04-15

Subject : Horace Street Petition – Second Entrance to BSCHS

Recommendation:

That the City of Pembroke Operations Committee review the Operations Department's responses to the Horace Street petition; and

That the City of Pembroke Operations Committee approve the concept in principle of a second entrance to Bishop Smith Catholic High School (BSCHS) at the north end of Horace Street, to allow the school board to present an offer to purchase non-viable City lands adjacent to the school board property.

CAO Review :

The existing Carmody Street entrance to BSCHS has been a long-standing health and safety issue for all road users and an area of significant traffic congestion for the community. The proposed solution will alleviate a lot of the issues and greatly improve the situation for all users.

David Unrau, P.Eng., PMP

Financial Comment:

There are no immediate financial implications associated with this report. All costs associated with the construction of a second entrance to the school off the end of Horace Street, costs for works to upgrade bus loading zones, parent drop off zones and modifications to staff parking on the school site, and costs associated with the sale of property will be borne by the Renfrew County Catholic District School Board (RCCDSB).

Angela Lochtie
Treasurer/Deputy Clerk



Background:

The Renfrew County Catholic School Board together with senior staff from BSCHS approached the Operations Department with a proposal to open the north east end of Horace Street to be used as a second means of egress for the school property.

At the February 18th, 2025 meeting of the Operations Committee, Operations staff presented a report regarding the opening of the north east end of Horace Street proposed to be used as a second entrance to the BSCHS property. On February 21st, 2025 the residents of Horace Street provided a petition to the City opposing the proposal to open the north east end of Horace Street.

The school board held a public meeting on March 19th, 2025, and provided a presentation to Committee on April 1st, 2025. The following general points were provided related to the petition.

- Emphasis on the severity of the current traffic situation
- Safety of the students and staff in the event of a fire or emergency with only one road for emergency services to currently access the school.

Operations staff met with school board representatives on April 9th, 2025, and discussed the comments, questions and concerns raised at both meetings. Additional information not necessarily offered at the previous meetings was provided to Operations staff.

- Additional traffic management deterrents could be put in place to limit parents/students utilizing this Horace Street entrance such as raised concrete medians at the parking lot, speed bumps or other speed deterrent devices.
- An education campaign will be conducted by the school promoting Carmody Street as the parent and student access to the school.

Discussion:

Residents of Horace Street have circulated a petition that approximately 78% of the properties immediately adjacent to Horace Street from Boundary Road to the north end have signed. 80% of the properties on Horace Street from Everett Street to the north end signed the petition. Concerns stated in the petition, as well as some concerns raised at the school board's public meeting are noted below. Operations staff have provided comment to the concerns.

- The contribution of unacceptable levels of traffic and noise to the residents on Horace Street.
 - The minor increase in traffic is only anticipated to be for less than 1 hour in the morning and 1 hour in the afternoon for 194 school days a year (2025 stat), with no school traffic anticipated on weekends, holidays or during the summer months.



- This will require the restructuring of the road (Horace St). Carmody Street has been upgraded to facilitate this purpose.
 - The construction works that were completed on Carmody Street in 2020 were an asphalt replacement project only. The existing asphalt was removed and replaced with 2 lifts of asphalt with a total depth of 90mm, the same asphalt depth as present on Horace Street. Sidewalk extension on Carmody Street was completed to eliminate an orphaned sidewalk and connect to the school's pedestrian hard surface (paved shoulder) on school property.
- The infrastructure of the road (Horace St) is not able to withstand the weight of the buses. Horace St is in poor condition. Bus traffic will damage underground infrastructure.
 - The PCI of Horace Street, from Everette St to the north end, is 63 which is considered to be in fair condition. The average PCI for all of Horace Street is 55 which is considered in fair condition. In comparison, approximately 219 of the City's 766 road segments (28km of 100km) are considered in poor or worse condition (below 55 PCI). Average PCI for the City's road network is 67. Norman Street and Somerset Street parallel to Horace Street are rated poor to very poor. Dickson Street at Highview School is an average PCI of 55. Average PCI around Lourdes School is approximately 48 and around Holy Name School streets have an average PCI of 48, which presently carry bus traffic.
 - Horace Street presently has 2 lifts of asphalt with a total depth of 90-100mm as confirmed onsite by Jp2g Consultants Inc. The existing underground infrastructure of Horace Street in good condition with no history of failures. The existing watermain is installed under the south side shoulder, further eliminating any cause for perceived concern due to bus traffic. Depths obtained from historic as built drawings are as follows: Watermain 2.0m and Sanitary 1.79m – 3.88m, similar to the depths of water and sanitary on Clemow Avenue, Herbert Street, and Carmody Street, all of which carry bus traffic.
 - If the concern that buses and additional traffic on Horace Street will be detrimental to the existing street and underground infrastructure, then the City may need to further consider reduced load restrictions on this street and potentially others within the City, related to delivery trucks, contractor vehicles, etc.
- Removes a safe access for children who walk to school.
 - Operations staff have completed pedestrian counts on Horace Street of students before and after school on 5 separate days and the total amount of walkers during either time period has been 3-17 students. The school board has provided statistics that of the 1000 total students at the school, 165 students are walkers with a total of 22 student walkers that would potentially utilize Horace Street as their access. The other walkers would be approaching the school from other directions.



- The fact that there are currently no sidewalks on Horace Street which may pose a safety threat to any students currently using Horace Street to walk to school.
 - For comparison, Lourdes School, with Champlain St, Clemow Ave, and Irving Street has no sidewalks around school. Highview School has no sidewalks on Dickson Street immediately adjacent to the school. Bell Street which is home to two (2) schools, does not have sidewalks on the school side of the street.
 - Optimizing and expanding the City's sidewalk network is ongoing.
- The street is not wide enough for busses to be travelling in both directions and students to be walking.
 - The measured width of Horace Street is 7.0m, the same or greater as the measured widths of Everett Street, Irving Street, Champlain Street, Rosewood Avenue, etc. These streets, as confirmed with the Joint Consortium have busses travelling on them daily.
- There are only two streetlights on that end of Horace Street, may pose a safety issue for students walking.
 - There are 2 streetlights on this portion of Horace Street which has a total length of 160m. The separation between the existing streetlights is 73m between lights. This separation is comparable to street lights around Lourdes School. School pedestrian traffic would not be anticipated during the periods when the street lights would be activated.
- The entrance from Everett Street to Horace Street is not wide enough for busses to make a safe turn on to.
 - The busing consortium has provided a video depicting the travel pattern of a bus exiting and entering onto and off of Horace Street. The intersection is comparable to intersections Almira Street and Everett Street, Miller Street and Doran Street, Peter Street and Morris Street, which are also used for bus traffic.
- Directing buses to Horace Street will cause traffic backups at the Horace/Everett intersection and the Carmody/Everett intersections simultaneously. To direct buses to Horace Street from Carmody Street would be transferring the problem from one street to another.
 - The consortium has provided information that the intent is there would be 8-14 buses/vans exiting from Horace Street heading easterly each day in two (2) different waves.
 - Buses leaving Horace Street will only occur for less than 1 hour in the morning and less than 1 hour in the afternoon.
 - The traffic would now be split and the concerns at Carmody Street would now be reduced by eliminating buses turning left onto Everette Street, with only a small percentage of the traffic being redirected to exit on Horace Street.

Further comments related to the proposal and traffic management into and out of BSCHS are provided for Committee's consideration.



- The City has been put on notice due to a motor vehicle accident involving a pedestrian, that there is a possibility of liability on the part of the City due to the past safety concerns at the intersection of Carmody Street and Everette Street that have not been addressed.
- Being a No Exit street, both Horace Street and Carmody Street would benefit from the alternate access should an emergency or issue block either the Carmody Street at Everett Street intersection or the Horace Street at Everette Street intersection.
- The school board, in it's proposal for the second entrance, is considering a pedestrian path from Horace Street to Carmody Street which could be used by the community to access the Indian River Footbridge to provide pedestrian traffic into the Downtown core, Pembroke Waterfront Park, and destinations north in the city.
- The intersection of Carmody Street/Everette Street/Eganville Road has been an intersection contributing to cross city traffic congestion for quite some time, and the alternate entrance to the school may help in dealing with this congestion without modifications to that major intersection.

Alternatives Considered:

Do nothing and have staff and students of BSCHS confined to the property with only one entrance/exit. Additionally, without a second egress to the peninsula formed by the Indian River, the residents on Carmody Street and Horace Street have no alternate way of getting out should there be an issue at the intersections with Everette Street.

Another alternative to deal with the traffic congestion in this area, is to look at potential improvements to the Carmody Street/Everette Street/Eganville Road intersection which may include the possibility of a roundabout or multi-leg signalized intersection.

Strategic Plan Impact:

Supports the underlying vision and principle to develop and maintain partnerships with organizations.

Attachments:

Pembroke Fire Department Letter of Support for Second Entrance
Ontario Provincial Police Letter of Support for Second Entrance
Horace Street Home Owners petition

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Lewis, Director
Operations Department



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"Protection, Prevention and Education for over 160 years"

April 9, 2025

Dear Mr. Lewis,

Please consider this my letter of support for the proposed opening of the Northeast end of Horace Street to be used as a second entrance/exit to Bishop Smith Catholic High School.

A second entrance is required to ensure an effective and efficient response to the school during an emergency. With the increased traffic flow and population of the school, traffic conditions at specific times of the day make emergency response extremely difficult. We currently have difficulty accessing certain entry doors and accessing fire hydrants at these times of the day. During fire emergencies, seconds count and any delays that affect our response can have a tremendous down stream effect on the amount of damage suffered to the school. This also harms the school's ability to recover and resume normal operations. If a fire were started with malicious intent, it would be quite easy for individuals to block the one access to the school and completely barring the Pembroke Fire Department from responding.

Lastly, this school has been kind enough to partner with the City and is designated as an evacuation center for the City of Pembroke. If the evacuation center is activated, the risks encountered with one entrance would have a significant impact on meeting the needs of the school, students and the residence of the City who require access to the evacuation center.

Sincerely,

Scott Selle
Fire Chief
Pembroke Fire Department

Ontario
Provincial
Police

Police
provinciale
de l'Ontario



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File number/Référence:

April 9, 2025

Attn: Brian Lewis –
Director of Operations
City of Pembroke

I am writing to express my support for the proposal to open a second entrance and exit for Bishop Smith High School by extending the north-east end of Horace Street. This modification should the benefit of improving traffic flow during school hours and enhancing safety and accessibility for students, staff, and visitors.

Currently, congestion experienced during peak school hours creates unnecessary delays and can pose a risk in emergency situations. By adding second entrance and exit for buses, it should assist alleviating traffic congestion, allowing for smoother circulation of vehicles. Moreover, an additional entrance would serve as a critical access point in case of road closures or emergencies, ensuring that students and emergency vehicles can enter and exit the premises quickly and safely.

The well-being of our students and community is paramount, and this initiative will play a significant role in supporting that goal.

Thank you for considering my perspective. I am confident that this development will contribute positively to our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S Bosa", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Steven Bosa
A/Inspector
Ontario Provincial Police
Interim Detachment Commander
Upper Ottawa Valley Detachment.

February 21, 2025

City of Pembroke
1 Pembroke St. E
Pembroke Ontario.
K8A3J5

Attention: Victoria Charbonneau

Hello Ms. Charbonneau:

We the residents /taxpayers and neighbors of Bishop Smith Catholic High School would like to submit our petition to the City of Pembroke.

The petition is in regards to the Opening of the dead end of Horace St., to Bishop Smith Catholic High School. The proposal to open the end of the road was presented by Mr. Lewis pursuant to discussions with the Renfrew County Catholic School Board at the Council Meeting on Tuesday February 18, 2025 . **No residents have received any written notification or information of this proposal from the City of Pembroke or the Renfrew County Catholic School Board.**

The home owners on Horace St are concerned by the proposed road opening.

It would contribute unacceptable levels of traffic and noise to the residents on Horace St, which we are unaccustomed to.

There are no sidewalks for the students who walk on the road to school at present, which poses a safety issue.

The road is not wide enough for buses travelling both directions and sidewalks for students. Street is narrow.

The Infrastructure of the road cannot maintain the weight and volume of traffic of the buses at present. The road is not equipped to handle the weight of the buses (we will have problems with the water mains and sewers.)

The lack of Street Lights (Only two lights on the entire street) would pose a safety issue for students.

Horace St. is not wide enough at the corner of Everett. With the buses making a wide turn to enter onto Horace St., it would be very dangerous for students and residents at the corner. (not enough room) .

We are concerned for the safety of the students going to Bishop Smith Catholic High School and we agree there should be an emergency exit in place. To direct the buses on to Horace St. permanently, it would be just transferring one problem from one street to another, with no real solution to the problem. It creates a problem at both the Horace / Everett and Carmody / Everett intersections. It will cause traffic backup at both intersections at the same time.

As taxpayers of the City of Pembroke, and residents on Horace Street we strongly oppose the opening of the dead end of Horace to Bishop Smith Catholic High School.

Sincerely,

Horace Street Residents.

Sign the Petition 2025

The City of Pembroke has been approached by the Renfrew County Separate School Board to open Horace St at the Dead End as a Permanent One-Way Bus Entrance to Bishop Smith Catholic High School.

The Home Owners on Horace St. are distressed by the proposed Road opening as it would:

- Contribute unacceptable levels of traffic and noise to the residents.
- Require extensive taxpayers' dollars to be expended in order to upgrade the road, new street lights, sidewalks, traffic lights, restructure of the road. (Carmody St has just been upgraded to facilitate this purpose.)
- Remove a safe access for students who walk to school.