

E-mail to Shannon Gauthier - MOECC:

As you are aware our (Minnow Lake Restoration Group) request for a Part Two Order with respect to the Sudbury Second Avenue Reconstruction Project was for more evaluation of a roundabout option for the proposed new intersection at Scarlet Drive which we felt had not received the consideration it deserved. This was also mentioned by others who have submitted Part Two requests indicating that a modern one lane roundabout, rather than the proponents planned large traditional signaled intersection, might answer a number of the environmental concerns expressed.

It has been determined in conversation with the Engineering Firm (Triton Engineering Services Limited with head offices in Orangeville), that designed the Bracebridge Ontario roundabout and several others, that an expert evaluation taking all factors involved including traffic flow, available property, topography, size requirements, radius dimensions etc. would be in the neighborhood of \$5,000 to \$10,000.

We feel this is not an unreasonable amount to provide a definitive answer to whether a roundabout is a viable option for this location and would represent a fraction of what the proponent has already expended on professional evaluation related to other aspects of the project, but did not include with respect to this option, which needed further analysis as a reasonable and feasible alternative, other than the proponents unqualified and perhaps biased opinion with respect to their preferred solution. The cost of the study might actually be recovered with potentially lower construction costs and maintenance for a roundabout as compared to a traditional signaled intersection and in lower costs for storm water treatment from less paved roadway area.

With respect we feel that a professional evaluative study is necessary in order to address this deficiency in the project file which would require the Ministry to direct the proponent to undertake this action to satisfy this requirement for the satisfaction of all parties.

Thanks for your consideration.

John Lindsay,
Chair, Minnow Lake Restoration Group