

REPORT TO COUNTY COUNCIL

All-Way Stop at Oxford Road 8 and Oxford Road 60, Township of East Zorra-Tavistock

To: Warden and Members of County Council

From: Director of Public Works

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That County Council endorse the implementation of an all-way stop at the intersection of Oxford Road 8 and Oxford Road 60 in the Township of East Zorra-Tavistock, as outlined in Report PW 2026-10;
2. And further, that County Council authorize the transfer of \$25,000 from the Corporate General Reserve to implement the all-way stop control measures;
3. And further, that a by-law be presented to County Council at the April 22, 2026 Council meeting to amend the Through Highways By-law 3741-98 to designate an all-way stop at the intersection of Oxford Road 8 and Oxford Road 60.

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- This report seeks County Council approval to implement an all-way stop (AWS) at the intersection of Oxford Road 8 and Oxford Road 60 (16th Line), in the Township of East Zorra-Tavistock (EZT).
- Staff has been monitoring this location because of increased traffic volumes and collision frequency over the last three years. Review of recently updated collision data has confirmed compliance with Ontario Traffic Manual (OTM) collision warrant thresholds for AWS implementation at this location. Additionally, traffic volumes at this location were found to be within 95% of OTM AWS volume warrants.
- AWS implementation at this location is expected to reduce collision frequency and severity and improve operational level of service.

IMPLEMENTATION POINTS

The proposed AWS implementation will include transverse rumble strips on east and west approaches (Oxford Road 8), regulatory signage, pavement markings, and stop sign mounted red flashing warning beacons.

Financial Impact

The approved 2026 Business Plan and Budget did not include funding for AWS control measures at this intersection, with an estimated cost of \$25,000.

The Transportation Services operating budget does not currently anticipate sufficient savings to cover the implementation of AWS control at the intersection. As such, it is recommended that this work be funded from the Corporate General Reserve which has a 2026 budgeted closing balance of approximately \$5.0 million.

Communications

Report PW 2026-10, along with the amended by-law, will be circulated to the Township of EZT and the Ontario Provincial Police for their information. Prior to implementation, the change in intersection control will be communicated to motorists through the installation of advance warning signage at the site advising of the upcoming change.

As this constitutes a significant intersection change, public communications will also include updates via media advisory, social media, advertising, the Oxford County website, and *Council this Week*. Social media messaging will be shared with the Township of EZT to support coordinated communication efforts.

2023-2026 STRATEGIC PLAN

Oxford County Council approved the [2023-2026 Strategic Plan](#) on September 13, 2023. The Plan outlines 39 goals across three strategic pillars that advance Council's vision of "Working together for a healthy, vibrant, and sustainable future." These pillars are: (1) *Promoting community vitality*, (2) *Enhancing environmental sustainability*, and (3) *Fostering progressive government*.

The recommendations in this report support the following strategic goals.

Strategic Plan Pillars and Goals

PILLAR 1	PILLAR 2	PILLAR 3
		
Promoting community vitality	Enhancing environmental sustainability	Fostering progressive government
<p>Goal 1.3 – Community health, safety and well-being</p> <p>Goal 1.4 – Connected people and places</p>		<p>Goal 3.1 – Continuous improvement and results-driven solutions</p>

See: [Oxford County 2023-2026 Strategic Plan](#)

DISCUSSION

Background

The intersection of Oxford Road 8 and Oxford Road 60 is situated in the Township of EZT, as shown in Attachment 1. The current configuration consists of a two-way stop control on Oxford Road 60, with free-flow conditions on Oxford Road 8. Jurisdictional authority of Oxford Road 60 (16th Line), from Oxford Road 4 to Oxford Road 8, was transferred from the Township of EZT to the County in 2022 as part of the implementation of the 2021 Road Rationalization Study (Report [PW 2021-29](#)).

This intersection was identified in the 2024 Transportation Master Plan (TMP) as having the tenth most collisions for County rural road intersections (2018-2022) and was identified to undertake an Intersection Control Feasibility Study in the 2034 - 2046 planning horizon.

Intersection illumination at this location was initiated in 2025 and completed in April 2026.

Comments

The subject intersection has been monitored over the last three years as a result of increased traffic volumes and intersection-related collisions. Over the past three years (2023 - 2025) collision occurrences included 11 right-angle or turning type collisions, one of which was fatal. Additionally, traffic volumes were found to be within 95% of OTM volume warrants for AWS implementation prior to seeing increased traffic volumes in 2025 during culvert replacements on Oxford Road 59.

Review of collision history that was recently updated with 2025 data has confirmed compliance with OTM AWS collision warrant threshold of nine collisions within a 36-month period, and of the type (angle, turning movements) that would otherwise be mitigated by an AWS.

As a result, implementation of an AWS is recommended to improve intersection safety and overall level of service.

CONCLUSIONS

While traffic volumes are close to meeting OTM warrant criteria, the collision occurrences are met for AWS implementation at the intersection of Oxford Road 8 and Oxford Road 60.

AWS implementation is expected to reduce collision frequency and severity, as well as provide enhanced intersection control at this location.

SIGNATURES

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ATTACHMENT

Attachment 1 - Proposed All-Way Stop Location Map, Oxford Road 8 and Oxford Road 60