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**TO:** Mayor and Members of Council  
**FROM:** Development Services and Engineering Department  
**DATE:** July 29, 2019  
**SUBJECT:** Front Street Road Closures

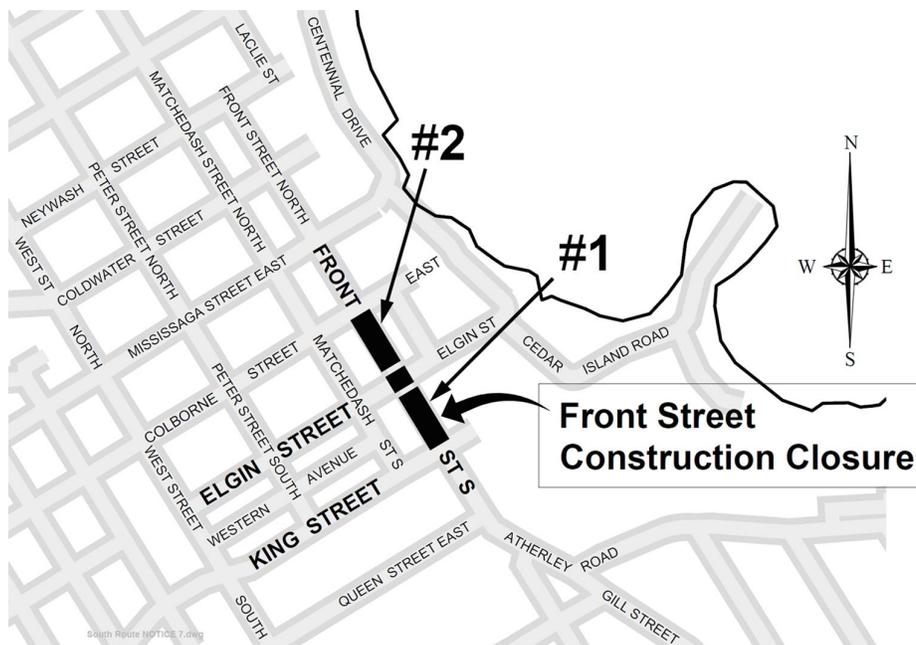
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Sections of Front Street South will be closed for a period of time starting on Monday, July 29, 2019, to ensure the safety of motorists, pedestrians and workers as this important infrastructure project is completed.

Closure #1 – Front Street from King Street to Elgin Street will be closed for approximately seven business days (weather dependent).

Closure #2 – Once work is complete in that area, the Front Street/Elgin Street intersection will be closed for approximately four business days. Simultaneously, Front Street from Elgin Street to Colborne Street South will be closed for approximately seven business days (weather dependent). Road closure and detour signage will be in place.

Notices to Residents and Businesses were hand-delivered on Friday, July 26, 2019 to those directly impacted by the project.







## Office of the Mayor

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July 31, 2019

Julie Brown

**Sent via email to:** [REDACTED]

Dear Ms. Brown:

**Re: Stephen Leacock Museum**

Thank you for your email dated July 17, 2019, where you expressed your concerns regarding the Stephen Leacock Museum.

The goal of the Master Planning process is not to sell the property but to develop a bold new vision for the Museum based on current trends, the unique features of the site, community needs, and municipal requirements. As you may know, the site includes the iconic period house, the event Centre at Swanmore Hall including bistro and terrace, the Boathouse and grounds on Brewery Bay. Despite the rich history of the Leacock Home, the present reality is the brand appears to be diminishing and visitation is declining over time.

The Master Planning process will examine the site's current and future potential and make recommendations on how to achieve sustainability, maximize use, and improve the visitor experience, while preserving the collection and heritage features of the property. The scope of work will include a full review of Museum operations, staffing, budgeting, programming, rentals, food service, promotion, curation, parkland usage, community outreach, gift shop, and visitor services.

Details on the Master Planning process are available online at [www.leacockmuseum.com](http://www.leacockmuseum.com). There you can share your feedback using one of the survey tools developed by our consultants, TCI Management Inc.

Should you have any additional questions, please reach out to Jacqueline Soczka, Manager of Culture, at [jsoczka@orillia.ca](mailto:jsoczka@orillia.ca).

Sincerely,



Steve Clarke,  
Mayor.

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Copy to:       Members of Council  
                  Ray Merkley, Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture

**From:** [Ashley Stafford](#)  
**To:** [Megan Williams](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Stephen Leacock Home  
**Date:** July-17-19 11:09:46 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: noreply@orillia.ca [<mailto:noreply@orillia.ca>] On Behalf Of Julie Brown  
Sent: Wednesday, July 17, 2019 10:09 AM  
To: MAYOR EMAIL  
Subject: Stephen Leacock Home

To the Mayor and City Councillors,

Public parks, arenas, museums and the Stephen Leacock Home are all assets to the community and Orillia's prestige compared to other communities. Yet we do not put a dollar value on all of them, nor estimate whether they cost more than the revenue they bring in. The feasibility study must not consider the sale of this amazing national treasure or we might as well close any parks, museums and arenas, etc. that cost more than the revenue they bring in.

Sincerely,  
Julie Brown

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# Township of McKellar

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July 16, 2019

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier  
Legislative Building Rm 281, Queen's Park  
Toronto, Ontario  
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Dear Premier Ford,

**Re: MUNICIPAL AMALGAMATION**

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Please be advised that at its regular meeting held, Monday July 15, 2019 the Council of the Township of McKellar passed the following resolution:

19-355      **WHEREAS** there are 444 municipalities in Ontario that are very efficient and well-governed, and who respond quickly to ratepayer's needs;

**AND WHEREAS** in the 1990's the Conservative Government forced many municipalities to amalgamate on the guise they would become more efficient, effective, save money, lower taxes and ultimately reduce the provincial deficit;

**AND WHEREAS** there has never been a valid evidence-based study that supported these outcomes;

**AND WHEREAS** forced amalgamation actually accomplished just the opposite: ill feelings, increased animosity and mistrust, job losses, rise in local taxes and an increase in the provincial deficit;

**AND WHEREAS** there are many positive examples of small rural and northern municipalities working together in a collaborate and cooperative manner via shared agreements that responds to local needs without amalgamation and provincial interference;

**AND WHEREAS** the Provincial Government has a large deficit due to their own decision-making;

**AND WHEREAS** recently the same Conservative Government recently reduced one large regional municipal government by 50%, without "consultation";

**AND WHEREAS** this same Conservative Government is presently reviewing other provincial regional governments through a purported "consultative" approach with a view to reduce or eliminate them;

**AND WHEREAS** the Provincial Government should investigate all other internal ways of reducing their deficit and becoming more fiscally responsible over time rather than downloading to the one level of government that is the most efficient, has the lowest cost and is closest to the electorate which will not put a dent in the provincial deficit;

**AND WHEREAS** the Province could look at what other provinces have done to reduce the debt with one singular education system, organizing unorganized municipalities, controlling OPP costs, substantially increase fines, and find a way to collect millions and millions of dollars in unpaid fines and instead, invest in the north to create jobs and stimulate and enhance economic development;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that before the Provincial Government forces amalgamation in any of the 444 municipalities in Ontario, our AMO organization go beyond requesting “consultation” and “demand” that the Provincial Government do the following:

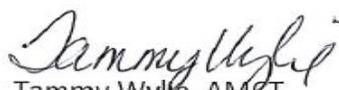
- 1) Hold a local referendum letting the citizens decide to amalgamate or not
- 2) Conduct an evidence-based study to show that amalgamation actually saves costs, jobs, lowers taxes and reduce the provincial deficit
- 3) Allow those municipalities to work out their own local collaborative agreement that best suit their local needs and to be permitted to do so on their own time line and volition
- 4) To ensure that there is absolutely no conflict of interest in this consultative process
- 5) To emphasize the political reality of forcing amalgamation on the many rural and northern municipalities across Ontario

**AND FURTHER** that a copy of this resolution be sent to Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier; Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs; Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party; and all MPPs in the Province of Ontario;

**AND FURTHER** that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA), Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association (DPSMA) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

Carried

Sincerely,

  
Tammy Wylfe, AMCT  
Clerk Administrator

Cc:

Deputy Premier of Ontario;

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;

Leader of the New Democratic Party;

All Ontario MPP's;

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);

Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA);

Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA);

Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM);

District of Parry Sound Municipal Association (DPSMA);

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