



# The Belfountain Community Organization

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## Executive

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via mail and e-mail

**Re: Class C Roads Environmental Assessment - Caledon Mississauga Rd., Old Main St., Bush St., Winston Churchill Blvd., Olde Base Line Rd. Request for Plebiscite in the Hamlet of Belfountain**

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Dear Chair Kolb:

The Belfountain Community Organisation (“BCO”) represents a group of local residents; living in and around Belfountain, Ontario. The mandate of the BCO is to protect and preserve the rural, heritage, and environmental integrity of the Hamlet of Belfountain and environs. It is the BCO’s opinion that the preferred alternative for road works in Belfountain determined by the above-noted Class Environmental Assessment (“EA”) will negatively affect the environment, rural, and heritage character, and quality of life in Belfountain.

In addition, the villagers think the proposed project will make our quiet roads more dangerous, not less, as previously suggested.

On June 23, 2014, the Region of Peel issued its Notice of Study Completion for the above-noted Class EA. The Study Area includes Old Main Street and Bush Street, in the heart of Belfountain. The Class EA Environmental Study Report (“ESR”) recommends a design featuring paved shoulders, curbs, on-street parking, and sidewalks through parts of Belfountain Village. Belfountain residents and the BCO participated throughout this process and were **very clear** in objecting to many of the unsubstantiated and unjustifiable conclusions of the report. Perversely, our community representatives, which did not include affected residents, endorsed recommendations that run contrary to the evidence and wishes of our directly-affected community. BCO reviewed the final ESR. BCO is applying for a Part II request from the Minister of the Environment.

We feel that our community has not been heard or listened to in the EA process. BCO requests the Region of Peel organize, execute, and cover the cost of a binding plebiscite to allow Belfountain residents to vote for or against the proposed changes to the road-works in Belfountain. This would include hosting, hiring an elections officer, and paying

scrutineers. The Region of Peel would also inform Belfountain residents of the plebiscite by direct mail and in local newspapers.

We appreciate your prompt consideration of our request. BCO believes the recommended design is contrary to the wishes of the majority of Belfountain residents. Hundreds of towns, villages and hamlets in Ontario exist happily without the paved surfaces, noise and traffic attendant with suburban streetscapes.

Belfountain residents did not ask for the proposed expensive road works and are at a total loss as to the need to pave over this section of paradise.

Our voice should count in this Regionally-driven process. We respectfully ask that you make this process democratic - put it to a vote.

Please contact us for assistance in organizing this plebiscite.

Regards,

Jenni Le Forestier

President

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