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Dear Colleagues,

In all construction seasons, there are many private works that impact the transportation network. In many cases, these projects are short in duration and primarily affect local streets. Sometimes, however, these projects are longer in duration and impact arterial roads. Examples from this year include work undertaken in support of the new highrise apartment building at King St and Lyle St that impacted Dundas St and a series of private projects that simultaneously impacted arterial roads in Byron earlier this summer.

Ensuring that residents and businesses understand what work is being done and how these private projects may impact them is important. Being able to coordinate these projects with public infrastructure projects and other private projects is also very important in minimizing negative impacts on the transportation network, local businesses and residents in affected neighbourhoods.

We are seeking support from Municipal Council for the following resolution:

Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to:

a. Review, either through lean six sigma or more generally, the process of issuing permits for approved works (PAWs), including consultation with key stakeholders, such as the Utilities Coordinating Committee, emergency services, London Development Institute, business improvement associations and others who are likely to apply for PAWs on major roads.

b. Report back by the end of Q1 2018 on:
   i. ways to improve communication with affected business, organizations and residents about the timing, duration and impacts of PAWs, including unexpected developments;
   ii. ways to improve the scheduling and coordination of private and public projects affecting roadways and sidewalks that carry significant pedestrian, cyclist, transit and auto traffic;
   iii. resources required to implement these improvements.
   iv. any other improvements identified through the review.

Sincerely,

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