



Heart Lake Road Stop Sign  
PD&D Delegation  
Sept 8, 2014

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# Heart Lake Road at Countryside Drive

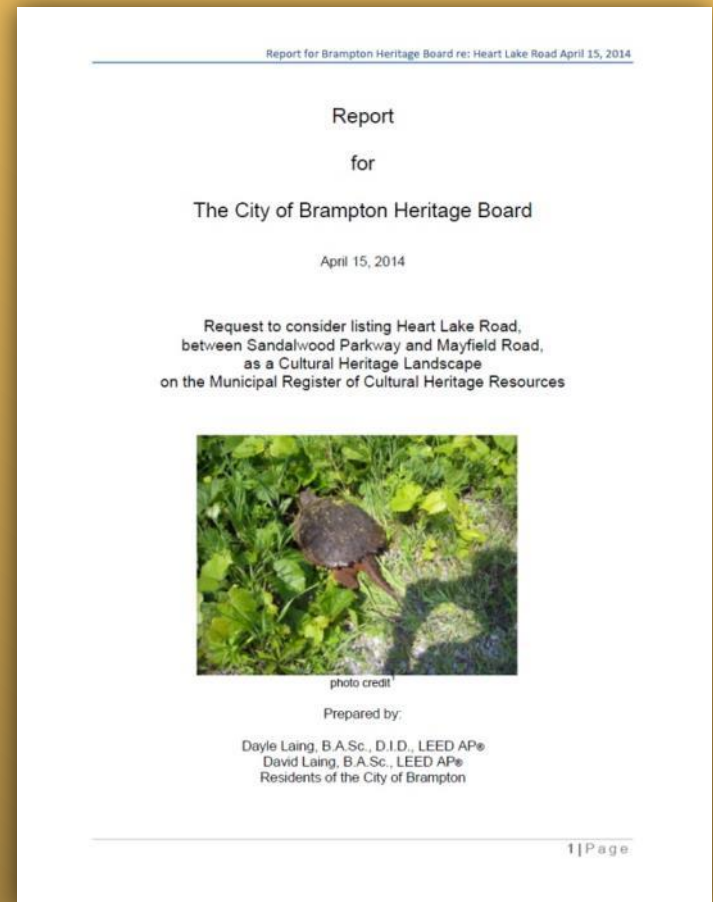


# Stop Sign Motion Carried by BEPAC – Feb 11, 2014

- ◇ “In response to presentation by Vince D’Elia, Project Manager, Etobicoke & Mimico Creek Watersheds, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, re: Heart Lake Road Ecology Program Update (file G25EN) the motion EPA004-2014 was passed...  
5. that additional signage be installed along Heart Lake Road to raise awareness of the provincially significant wetland complex and wildlife at risk. 6. that a stop sign be installed at the intersection of Heart Lake Road and Countryside Drive to reduce speeds and facilitate traffic calming.”
- ◇ Minutes approved by PD&D on April 7, 2014
- ◇ Council received Minutes Apr 23, 2014

# Pending: "Cultural Heritage Landscape Listing"

- ◇ Heritage Board received delegation Apr 15, 2014
- ◇ 361 petition signatures
- ◇ Heritage Resources Subcommittee supported listing May 5, 2014
- ◇ Heritage Board formally endorsed listing report on June 24, 2014







Commuter traffic from Caledon  
avoiding #410 congestion



# Illegal truck traffic despite “no trucks” signage



# Traffic Pattern Studies

- ♦ Traffic Engineering study – 1 day in Apr 2014
- ♦ TRCA Heart Lake Rd Ecology Monitoring Project
  - Jun 7-13, 2013 – 1 wk (shorter time than usual)
  - Traffic counters: just S of Countryside; just N of 410 off-ramp N of Sandalwood
  - Av daily traffic weekdays: 5,435 vehicles
  - Av daily traffic weekends: 7,073 vehicles
  - 85% travelled est. av speed 78 km/hr
  - Speed limit on Heart Lake Road: 60 km/hr

# North-South Traffic Alternatives

- ◇ 4-lanes with sidewalks
  - Dixie Road
  - Kennedy Road



Kennedy Road N., Google Maps 2014



# Broader approach than Traffic Patterns – unique landscape



# Atypical road twists

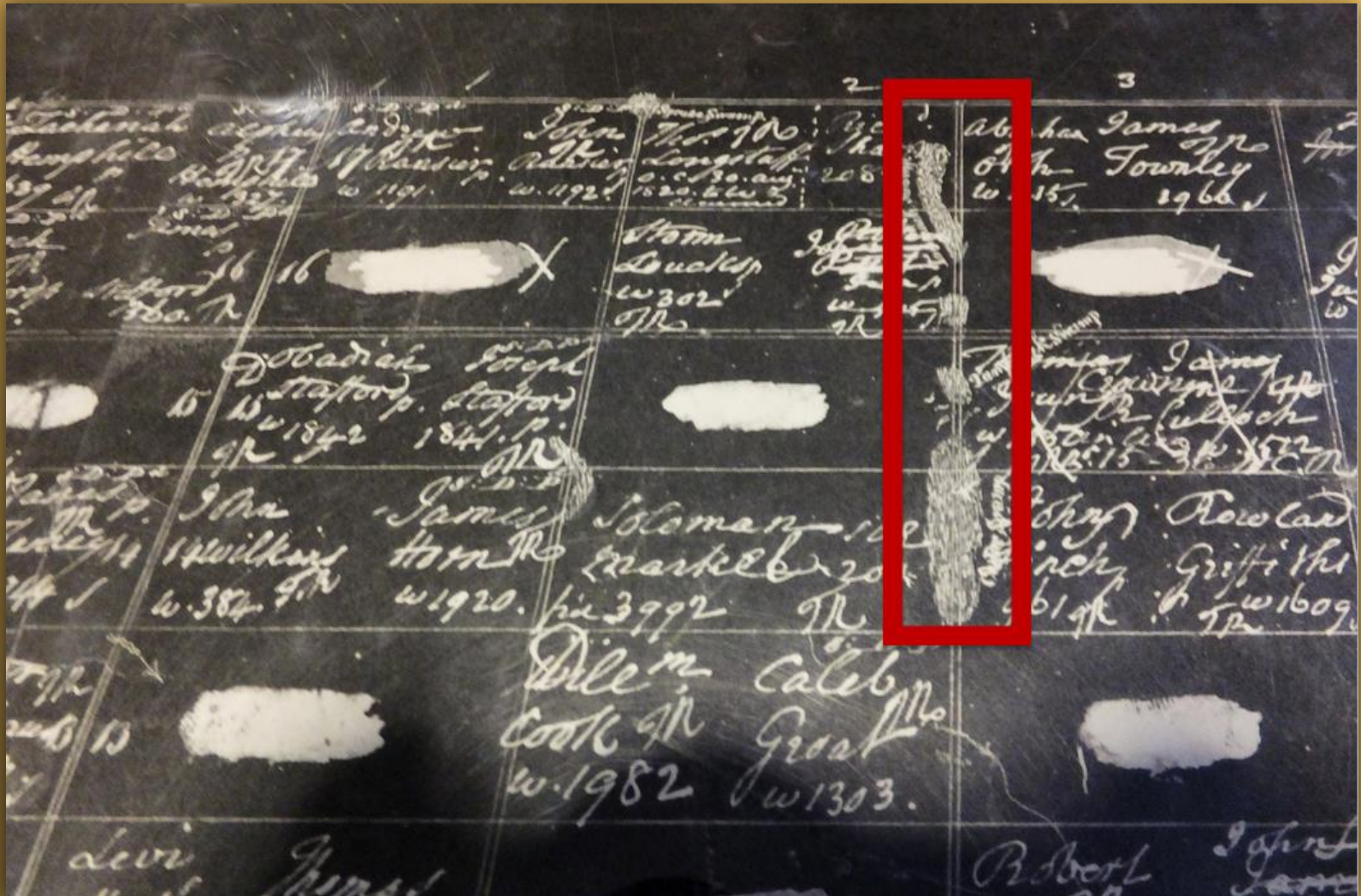


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# Chinguacousy Township

# 1819 Survey shows historic wetlands



Chinquacousy Township Survey by Richard Bristol, 1819, PAMA

# Provincially Significant Wetlands



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# Unique Wildlife along the Road

◇ "Species of Concern"



# HLREMP 2013 Report: Wildlife Fatalities – 2,078



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# Heart Lake Road Conservation Area

- ◆ Local gem
- ◆ Tourist destination



- Jacob Mitchell, BRAMPTON

"I use the park & road for recreational purposes, making it desirable for me to have a reduced speed to preserve the unique environment & make it a more friendly environment to pedestrians & cyclists."



# Current traffic discourages walking & bicycling

- ♦ Traffic speed & narrow shoulders



# Watershed moment in Planning...

- ◇ What kind of city do we want?
- ◇ What is worth preserving as we grow?
- ◇ What do we value?
- ◇ Look to the future...