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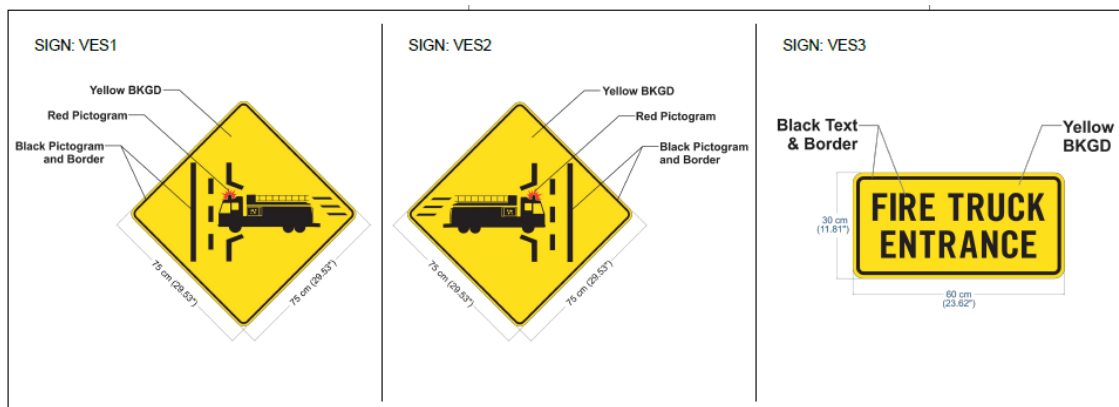
Attn : Chris Traini

Re: 220 East Centre Street – Strathroy Fire Station – Entrance Width Exemption

The Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc is in the design stages for the construction of a new fire station located at 220 East Centre Street (formerly 23 Zimmerman Ave) in Strathroy. The current design includes an 18.0-meter wide driveway onto Metcalfe Street East for the 3 apparatus bays which require immediate unimpeded access onto Metcalfe Street when the fire crews are dispatched. We understand that the maximum permitted entrance width into a County Road is 9.0 meters.

The Municipality has also passed a by-law to close Zimmerman Ave in order to make additional space for the fire station, there will no longer be any through traffic in this area. There will also no longer be any vehicle access to the site from Metcalfe Street, all access is provided via East Centre Street from the rear of the fire station. The access onto Metcalfe Street East will act as an exit for emergency vehicles only.

Signage that is directed at pedestrian foot traffic along Metcalfe Street East will be installed on either side of the driveway indicating “FIRE TRUCK ENTRANCE” as shown below. There will also be yellow painted lines across the entire driveway, from the property line to the building, to further indicate to pedestrians using the sidewalk of the fire truck exit.



Additionally, when a fire truck is exiting the fire hall during an emergency call, the lights and sirens are immediately engaged as the truck is exiting the overhead doors. In addition to the signage, this acts as an audible and visual warning for both pedestrian foot traffic and vehicular traffic using Metcalfe Street East.

Please accept this letter as the Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc's request to the County Council for an exemption from the maximum permitted width of 9.0 meters to allow for an 18.0-meter driveway to be constructed.

If you have any questions or need any additional information please feel free to contact the undersigned.

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Robert W. Lilbourne, CRFP, CIT
Director, Community Services
Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc