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**Message:**

Jim Uram suggested that I send an e-mail to the Town Clerk regarding the traffic/parking/congestion issue which has arisen as a result of very heavy usage of the Bruce Trail access trail located on the Pretty River Road.

I believe that the closest municipal address to the congestion area is 635397 Pretty River Road. As I assume the Town and Council are aware, it is not unusual, particularly on weekends, for there to be up to 70 vehicles parked on both sides of the road in the vicinity of the access trail entrance. The resulting safety issues are obvious. A no lesser concern stems from the fact that with vehicles parked on both sides of the road the room remaining for through traffic is limited; tractors pulling implements are sometimes completely barred from being able to travel through the congested parking and must reverse and return to the Jardine Sideroad in order to gain access to the lower portion of the valley (I can arrange for separate submissions detailing specifics of such road blockage circumstances if need be).

Given the severity of the congestion problem, I wanted to suggest that the Town consider the utilization of the old road allowance which follows the "old" route of the valley road in the vicinity of the trails access point. The western terminus of that old road allowance is just west of the congestion area, and the land between the old road allowance and the existing road is owned by the Government of Ontario. Hence access to a new parking area could simply follow the western portion of the old road allowance, and a parking area could be constructed between the old road allowance and the existing road.

Hikers could easily cross the road from the parking area in order to access the walking trail itself. I would be happy to speak with a representative of the Town regarding this issue and can provide any further detail which would be helpful.

Thank you.

Peter MacGowan