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The County of Essex  
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Attention: County Council

**BY EMAIL TO:** [CSYLVESTRE@COUNTYOFESSEX.CA](mailto:CSYLVESTRE@COUNTYOFESSEX.CA)

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**Re: Wright Drain Culvert Repair and Maintenance**

Dear County Council, County Administration, Consultants, and Contractors

The Council of the Town of Essex is urgently writing to address the closure of County Road 50 due to the failing Tom Wright Drain culvert and to advocate for its immediate repair and maintenance.

The closure of County Road 50 not only disrupts the daily lives of our constituents but also poses significant safety risks for residents and visitors alike. Emergency services are impeded, access to essential services is compromised, and residents face prolonged inconvenience and detours. Additionally, with many businesses relying heavily on seasonal tourism, the closure severely impacts their ability to attract customers and generate revenue during this crucial time.

Recognizing the critical importance of County Road 50 as a primary transportation route, it is imperative that we prioritize the replacement of the Tom Wright Drain culvert and undertake necessary repairs without delay. Restoring access to this vital artery is paramount to ensuring public safety, facilitating emergency response, and supporting the economic well-being of our community.

We understand the complexities involved in such infrastructure projects, but we urge County Council to expedite the process and allocate the necessary resources to address this urgent matter promptly. The prolonged closure of County Road 50 not only exacerbates existing challenges but also threatens the safety of our residents and the vitality of our local economy.



Thank you for considering this matter with the urgency it demands. We stand ready to collaborate with fellow Councillors and stakeholders to swiftly resolve the closure of County Road 50 and mitigate the adverse impacts on our community, particularly our residents' safety and the viability of our local businesses during this critical tourist season.

Sincerely,

Council Members of the Town of Essex

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cc. Mayor Sherry Bondy, Town of Essex

Councillor Jason Matyi, Ward 3, Town of Essex

Doug Sweet, CAO, Town of Essex