

A photograph of a long, muddy road with deep tire tracks and puddles, leading towards a horizon with utility poles and trees. The road is the central focus, stretching from the foreground into the distance. The mud is dark and wet, with several large puddles reflecting the light. The tire tracks are deep and well-defined, showing the path of a vehicle. On the left side of the road, there is a grassy area with a utility pole and some snow. The background shows a line of trees and a clear sky.

Concession 14 E Brant

- The purpose of our delegation is to bring to the attention of Brockton Council that Concession 14 E of former Brant township between County Road 19 and County Road 10 is in terrible condition, and long overdue to be repaired.

Condition of Concession 14

- The road base appears to be inadequate for the amount of farm and truck traffic. Increasing weights and traffic volumes have exacerbated the issues.
- When it's dry the road is filled with potholes
- The township has been diligent in grading the road frequently to try to deal with the potholes, but in only 1-2 weeks, or the next time it rains, the potholes are back

Condition of Concession 14

- When the weather is wet the road gets very soft - sometimes to the point of ruts 6 - 8" deep. In certain areas, the road can be dangerous for cars and light trucks

Road gets extremely soft



Large puddles, water sitting



Wheel tracks make deep ruts



Edge of the road is very soft



Potholes and washboard



Concession 14 Serves:

- 24 full time residences (20 on Con 14, and 4 on side roads served by Con 14)
- 1 part time residence
- 1 School
- 1 Historic landmark
- 14 large businesses operate directly on Con 14
- At least additional 5 businesses that rely on using the road frequently
- Access road for over 2000 acres of crop land

- Concession 14 serves many businesses that are important economic drivers in the Municipality.
- Residents rely on having a safe road to commute to work and go about everyday routines
- The road is a vital piece of infrastructure that these businesses rely on to operate every day.
- Some Examples:



**Feed Depot and
Harness Shop**



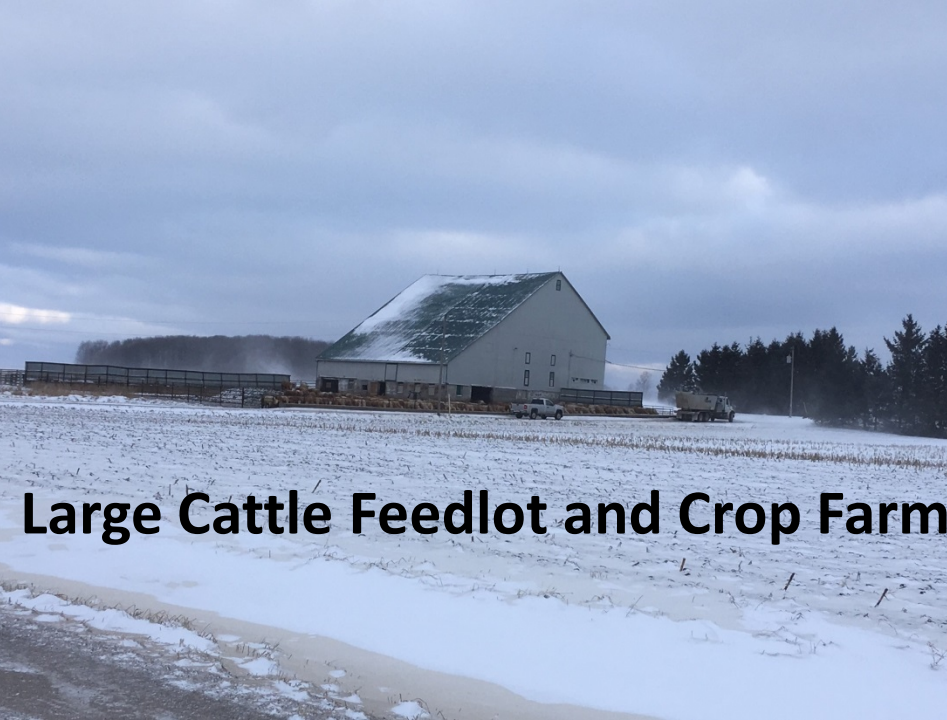
**Livestock Trucking, Buying
and Selling**



**Sow, Cattle and Crop farm,
Roofing business**



**St. Michael Church Remains
Historic site, tourist attraction**



Large Cattle Feedlot and Crop Farm



**Amish School -kids commuting
Twice every day**



**Large Multi-Family Turkey, Crop,
Custom Farming Operation**



Cattle and crop Farm

Cattle and Crop Farm



**Large Multi-Family Cattle
And Crop Farm**



**Large Dairy, Crop, Custom Farming
Operation. At least 5 full time, 5
Part time employees**



Sow and Cattle Farm



- These business rely on vehicles and heavy trucks and equipment travelling the road several times a day for transportation of products. Some examples are:
- feed, bedding, fuel, livestock in and out, additives, milk and other commodities produced, parts deliveries, employees commuting, fertilizer, pesticides, seed, manure, crops and crop residue sold, customers, salespeople and all the equipment to raise and harvest crops

Concerns- SAFETY

- Vehicles are hard to control pounding through potholes and washboard
- In the winter potholes are hidden under the snow, and combined with slippery conditions makes for especially dangerous driving
- When roads are soft, wheels sink in up to 8" deep, vehicles very hard to control
- Road continues to squeeze out wider every year making a false shoulder that will collapse if driven on

Concerns- COST TO RESIDENTS

- Pounding over the rough road is extremely hard on the wheels, suspension frame etc. of vehicles and equipment, makes for costly repairs
- The constant buildup of dirt and debris off the road on vehicles and equipment causes things to rust out quickly
- Poor road conditions deter potential customers, and slow down productivity of farms and businesses that need to haul products in and out, putting them at competitive disadvantage

Concerns- WASTED SPENDING

- Every year a lot of tax payers dollars are spent on trying to maintain a road that appears to have a systemic problem.
- Graders are working frequently to try to keep the road smooth, as well as gravel put on every 2nd summer. The money spent seems like a poor investment considering the road still ends up in terrible shape

The residents, farms and businesses on the 14th concession have been very patient for the past 10 plus years while being told many times that this work would be scheduled in the future. The time has come to rebuild this road we depend on to carry out our business every day.

Request from residents of Concession

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- That Brockton Council immediately begin the reconstruction of this 5 miles of road. We request that a schedule be set up of rebuilding (1) 2 km block per year for the next 4 years. Furthermore we request that the 2 km section rebuilt one year be paved the following year. This seems to be reasonable as this is the practice that has been carried out on other concessions in the township.

- Thank you for your time and consideration on this important matter. We trust that action will be taken to bring the road up to modern standards to provide the residents, businesses and users of Concession 14 with a safe road that keeps our businesses competitive and allows for continued economic growth and output.