

Written Deputation Request Form – June 29, 2020 Council Meeting - Electronic

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Agenda Item Number and Title (your deputation must be in relation to an item on the Agenda): 9,2,7 - Bicycle Lane 2020 Updates	
<p>Please use the space below to provide your written comments:</p> <p>Mayor Taylor and Councilors</p> <p>After hearing the 2 deputations from residents of London Rd., I feel the need to promote the benefits of safe biking solutions. I don't live in the north end; however, in order to better understand their concerns, I did ride my bike the length of London Rd. to see what's up. The first thing that I noticed is that most homes have parking for 4 cars in the driveway as well as room for a couple more in their garages. This is not a street suffering from a lack of parking options. I was also struck by the width of the road. This looks like a street where drivers may feel comfortable exceeding the 40 km/hr speed limit. How many residents have had called their councillor to complain about speeding cars? This road is 100% single family residences and is served by 2 junior schools, Denne Public School and Canadian Martyrs Elementary School and I'm guessing that many high school students use this road to reach Dr. J.M Denison on Bristol.</p> <p>A comment often heard against the installation of bike lanes is that no one bikes on the road in question so therefore bike lanes aren't needed. This is simply nonsense and there are plenty of studies that prove the opposite. If you build it they will come. Give parents a feeling that their kids are safe and they will let them bike to school, to the playground, to their friend's house. Provide a safe option and residents will ride a bike to Yonge or Main St. and leave their car at home. By narrowing the street to make room for cyclists, drivers will naturally slow down, become more aware of their surroundings, and it will make the road safer for all users. I am heartened to see young and old who have dusted off their bikes to experience the freedom of cycling during this pandemic.</p> <p>Finally, our roads are a resource for all users including cycling, e-bikes rollerblading, scooters, mobility devices etc. and should not be thought of as a place for the storage of vehicles.</p>	

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