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His Worship R. Bratina  
Mayor  
City of Hamilton  
71 Main Street West, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Hamilton ON L8P 4Y5

Dear Mayor Bratina,

Thank you for your Council's request for an amendment to the *Highway Traffic Act* (HTA) that would provide pedestrians with the right of way to assist in creating a complete streets environment. I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

The Ministry of Transportation supports municipal efforts to develop complete streets. Ministry staff are currently working with a number of municipalities, including the cities of Ottawa, Toronto and Hamilton, on updating the Ontario Traffic Manual Book 15: Pedestrian Facilities.

This project will review several new pedestrian crossing facilities with the objective of introducing a range of protected pedestrian crossings to fit different road environments. As these pedestrian crossings are finalized, right of way between pedestrians and motorists will be a key consideration. It would be more appropriate to have this work completed in advance and then consider the necessary amendments to related Ontario Regulations.

I am confident this approach will assist in creating a complete streets environment that will consider the safety of all road users, including pedestrians and cyclists. For further updates regarding the status of Book 15: Pedestrian Facilities, please contact Roger De Gannes, Head, Traffic Operations, at (905)-704-2947 or e-mail [Roger.DeGannes@ontario.ca](mailto:Roger.DeGannes@ontario.ca).

✓ Thank you again for your letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Glen Murray'.

Glen Murray  
Minister