

September 27, 2017

Dear Mr. Mayor and Councillors,

Re: The Escarpment Rail Trail (Ainslie Wood East Trail)

We are so fortunate to have the wonderful Escarpment Multiuse Trail in our area. It is such a pleasure to see it being used in a variety of ways such as walking, running, cycling and rollerblading by children, students, adults and seniors. Our only concern is the lack of signage on the streets that cross over the trail cautioning motorists to be aware of pedestrians crossing.

The City of Hamilton Recreational Trail Master Plan System, section 1.4 Trail Master Planning Goals #5 indicates "Safety needs to be addressed where trails intersect with and/or where cyclists and pedestrians enter into or exit from streets." We feel this needs to be addressed for the safety of all trail users and motorists.

The Hamilton Conservation Authority has placed trail crossing signs on cross streets intersecting their trails. Possibly the city could install pedestrian/cycling crossing signs, pedestrian crossovers or caution flashing lights on the north and south ends of the roadways crossing the trails. Even white or yellow lines painted across these streets as crossing areas may help make drivers aware of people crossing.

Our portion of the trail has eight streets that intersect it; Ewen Rd., Rifle Range, Leland St., Emerson St., Broadway Ave. and Stroud Rd. We know the City of Hamilton is concerned about the safety of all its citizens and will be proactive in addressing this issue.

Sincerely,

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