

October 17, 2017

Dear Honourable Mayor and Council Members:

My name is Pam Ross and I live at the intersection of Frances Avenue & Green Road.

Over the course of the last couple of years, my neighbourhood association has been very active in seeking my input about issues that affect my quality of life and have kept me informed about their progress and setbacks.

I was disappointed, yet not surprised, to read that the Public Works Committee denied their request to table a 4 way stop at a location that I know very well. When I was asked for my thoughts back in January of this year, I emailed back to my NA that *"If they are going to put the lights @ Drake & NSR instead of Green & NSR then I am in favour of making Green & Frances corner an all way stop. My biggest concern is turning left onto Service Rd & Green. During peak times it's hail mary& go for it!!"*

I, as a resident, don't know what the overall plan is or if there is even a traffic plan to address the many safety concernsthat have escalated due to development along the lakeshore as far as Grimsby. Without a comprehensive plan, stop gap measures such as a 4 way stop at Green & Frances, may be unnecessary.

I travel this area everyday. Cars coming off the North Service Road onto Green and turning left on Frances are definitely travelling too fast & cutting corners. Posting speed limit signs might help but I understand that a petition was signed by my neighbours who live on Frances Avenue for bump outs because the street is very wide. Bump outs/neckdowns* (pics below, with and without built-in bike lanes) at the corner of Frances & Green would be a better plan for all users and make a huge difference!

Sincerely,

Pam Ross

* Neckdowns extend the curb out into the intersection (thus their less poetic term, curb extensions), contracting the amount of street space pedestrians have to cross. According to the [Project for Public Spaces](#), they increase safety for slower pedestrians, like small children and the elderly. Because curbs are usually built in a large bulb shape, they also slow turning drivers down.

