



June 10, 2013

Dear Chairperson Ferguson and Members of the Public Works Committee,

I am writing to you today on behalf of the Board of Directors of Environment Hamilton to express our organization's support for the call to impose a permanent truck ban on both Dundurn Street and the Kenilworth Access. We understand, based on anecdotal feedback from residents in both areas, that these truck bans have had significant positive impacts on quality of life for residents in neighbourhoods on and near these roadways. In the case of Dundurn Street, we have been told that the area now 'feels like a neighbourhood again', with more people out walking and enjoying the street than was the case when trucks were permitted. Residents on the top of the Kenilworth Access have also reported to us that conditions are better and safer now that trucks are not regularly travelling up and down the Kenilworth Access, and around the traffic circles at each end.

It seems clear that, with this ban in place on a temporary basis, there have been no serious problems generated as far as truck traffic impacting on other neighbourhoods in the city. The trucks have found more suitable routes for travelling up and down the Niagara Escarpment.

We believe it is therefore reasonable at this point for the city to put in place a permanent truck ban for these two roadways. The benefits to these neighbourhoods as far as improvements to quality of life and local air quality make this the right thing to do.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sherry Revesz".

Sherry Revesz, Chair
Environment Hamilton

cc Environment Hamilton Board of Directors