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**Subject:** opposition to reducing lanes on Aberdeen Ave

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Hello,

I want to inform you that I oppose reducing lanes on Aberdeen Ave this fall. Please advise all concerned. The reasons are outlined in the attached memo.

Jane Brunton

**We are a group of residents of the Kirkendall South neighbourhood opposed to the City of Hamilton's plan to reduce Aberdeen Avenue - between Dundurn Street South and Queen Street - from 4 lanes to 2 this fall, adding parking lanes on each side.**

Several Hamilton councillors consider Aberdeen a dangerous stretch of road, and believe that one lane in each direction will reduce injuries and death.

**But:**

- This stretch of road is not especially dangerous. In fact, the city's 2018 statistics put Aberdeen as the **559th most dangerous road** for collisions/accidents.
- Aberdeen is an arterial road - a major link between Queen Street and Highway 403. Reducing lanes will back up traffic significantly.
- The City of Hamilton has **not** conducted a study to determine the effects of the 4 to 2-lane change.
- Clogged traffic will result in drivers cutting through our quiet neighbourhood streets to find a quicker way to their destinations.
- Additional vehicle traffic will greatly increase the likelihood of serious accidents on our neighbourhood streets.
- **Children and vulnerable citizens should not be put at risk by this increased traffic.**
- Homeowners who live south of Aberdeen will also need to make more vehicular trips through our local neighbourhood, since it will be extremely difficult to make turns to and from Aberdeen because of clogged traffic and parked cars obstructing the view.
- More vehicles idling will cause an increase in greenhouse gasses. Among the aims of the city's Vision Zero program is "reducing contributions to climate change".
- Pedestrians can safely cross Aberdeen at 5 locations within 10 blocks - at traffic lights on the corners of Dundurn, Cottage, Locke, Kent and Queen streets.
- Traffic backups on Aberdeen Avenue will impede emergency responders.

**Please join us in sharing your opposition to this planned reduction in traffic lanes along Aberdeen Avenue by writing to the Mayor and Members of City Council c/o the City Clerk, Hamilton City Hall, by email to [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca) or by mail to 71 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario, L8P 4Y5.**

**We also encourage concerned residents to sign our petition. Call Alex Beer at 905-526-7784 to have it brought to you.**

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