

**Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council**

Submitted on Monday, August 17, 2020 - 7:17 am

==Committee Requested==

**Committee:** Public Works Committee

==Requestor Information==

**Name of Individual:** Alex Beer

**Name of Organization:**

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**Reason(s) for delegation request:** Presentation of petition regarding planned narrowing of Aberdeen Avenue from Dundurn to Queen Street from four to two lanes.

**Will you be requesting funds from the City?** No

**Will you be submitting a formal presentation?** Yes

Councillor John-Paul Danko  
Chair, Public Works Committee  
City of Hamilton  
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Hamilton, Ontario  
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Sent via email to clerk@hamilton.ca

August 14, 2020

Dear Councillor Danko and members of the Public Works Committee,

I am writing to you as a representative of a large number of residents of Hamilton, most of whom are located in the Kirkendall South neighbourhood, who are strongly opposed to City Council's decision to reduce the number of lanes on Aberdeen Avenue (between Dundurn and Queen streets) from four lanes to two.

We are requesting that the Public Works Committee and Hamilton City Council reconsider this decision due to a number of concerns including:

- Aberdeen is an important arterial road linking a Mountain access to a major 400 series highway and is a key city transportation route for motorists travelling through the city, as well as those working at and visiting such Mohawk College, Hillfield Strathallan College, and St. Joseph's Healthcare's West 5<sup>th</sup> Campus.
- No traffic study has been conducted to support the lane reduction decision and to determine its ramifications.
- No meaningful public consultation has taken place.
- Neighbourhood residents are extremely concerned that the lane reduction will cause considerable traffic congestion on Aberdeen, resulting in motorists cutting through nearby quiet, residential streets.

While we understand, based on correspondence from the Mayor's office and Public Works Department, that the lane reduction and other related safety measures along Aberdeen will be evaluated and reconsidered after one year, this is more than enough time for a child to suffer serious injuries - or worse - from frustrated motorists speeding through adjacent residential streets.

I also respectfully request delegate status at your next Public Works Committee meeting, during which I would like to speak to this issue and present a petition (which will be dropped off to the City Clerk's office in advance) with well over 100 signatures opposing the lane reduction.

Thank you in advance for your reconsideration of this important matter.

Yours truly,



Alex Beer

