

June 25th, 2019

Terry Whitehead, Councillor
City of Hamilton
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Hamilton, Ontario
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Dear Councillor,

Re: Aberdeen/Beckett/Garth emergency corridor

As a Ward 1 business, with significant youth programming, lane reductions on Aberdeen will cause my customers significant hardship and risk their safety. A red light camera at Queen and Aberdeen would do significantly more for safety than eliminate half the lanes for traffic.

Soccer World offers early evening programming for over 300 children each weekday. Our programs range from 17months – 12yrs which requires their parents to drive. Although the majority of traffic is counter rush hour direction there is always significant traffic on Aberdeen and Dundurn. Further reducing the lanes will mean additional idling of vehicles and redirection of significant volumes onto residential side streets.

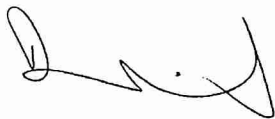
Aberdeen/Beckett/Garth and Wilson/Main West are the only two detour options when the Linc and/or 403 are closed. Days when there is a vehicle accident on the 403 forces traffic or bad weather significant traffic is diverted to the Aberdeen/Beckett/Garth emergency corridor. Cars need a place to go, and further eliminating traffic will only force them onto side streets at significantly greater danger to children.

Development on the mountain and infill downtown means traffic is increasing. Reducing the main artery by half will mean forcing vehicles onto side streets. Maintaining Aberdeen as the primary road will keep traffic off residential streets like Homewood, Stanley and Herkimer.

We would all like safer streets but must be realistic. Reducing lanes is not the solution. Adding a red light camera at Queen and Aberdeen is something that would make the intersection safer.

I appreciate you working for the good of the city, and not only the vocal neighbours who purchased homes on key traffic routes.

Sincerely,



Duncan Macintosh,
Owner

