

To the Legislative Co-ordinator and to all members of the City of Hamilton's Public Works committee:

Re: Motion 11.1 on 14 Feb 2022 City of Hamilton's Public Works Cttee's agenda

Good afternoon. I hope this finds you well. My name is Joshua Weresch and my wife, 4 children, and I live in Ward 8. I ask that this letter be placed in public correspondence on the public works' committee's agenda for its 14 February 2022 meeting, as its contents concern Motion 11.1 (Newlands Park Fitness and Rock-Climbing Equipment, Hamilton [Ward 8]). While I am not at all, as a father to 4 children, opposed to children playing or to play equipment's installation, I am more concerned that the ways toward that play equipment are also safe. In the light of Saira Peesker's article, published on 10 February 2022 on the C.B.C. Hamilton web-site (available online at <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/hamilton/pedestrian-fatalities-1.6345459>), I would ask that the motion for the installation of this play equipment be tabled until all traffic-calming measures requested by the neighbourhood surrounding Newlands Park are installed.

Further, as a general policy directive within the public-works committee, and, again, in the light of Saira's article, it would seem to me to be much more important, generally, whether in an election year or not, to ensure that traffic is calmed before more playground equipment is installed in Ward 8, if not elsewhere. Speed bumps on Brucedale Avenue East, between East 5th Street and Upper Wellington Street, and a pedestrian crosswalk from East 7th Street to Bruce Park are still not installed and no motion at this committee has been proposed to do so. Though I am certainly glad to see the speed bumps on Queensdale Avenue, near Queensdale Elementary, Brucedale Avenue East also marches Sts Peter and Paul Catholic Elementary School, St Charles' Adult Education Centre, several places of worship, and, most notably, Bruce Park where the splash pad in the summer and the ice rinks, lovingly and arduously maintained by neighbours, are visited by younger and older alike. A policy should be created, if it doesn't exist already, that states that five miles, for example, around any schools, parks, places of worship, or community centres should be the limit within which all residential roads are immediately installed with speed bumps, simply to encourage slower private transit and other modes of transportation to those gathering places.

Thank you for your time and attention in these regards. I look forward to your actions.

Regards,

Joshua Weresch