

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

PLANNING COMMITTEE DATE: March, 2022

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR M. WILSON.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

Reclassification of Ottawa Street away from Major Arterial to meet current use

WHEREAS, the City's Vision Zero Action Plan aims to achieve a safe system approach to prevention of death and/or life-changing injuries with the expressed necessary hierarchy of needs that places child pedestrians at the centre;

WHEREAS, Ottawa St serves as a vital community hub of pedestrian traffic to an elementary school, social and affordable housing, critical community supports serving indigenous residents, women, and seniors;

WHEREAS, Ottawa Street is a vital commercial corridor in Hamilton's east end, serving as an essential commercial gateway for thousands of household and hundreds of retail and commercial businesses, and an increasing number of patios;

WHEREAS, Cannon Coffee and Laidlaw United Church have both had vehicles driven into their facades and multiple times in the case of Cannon Coffee creating financial hardship and disruptions to operations;

WHEREAS, Ottawa Street is exclusively residential south of Main Street;

WHEREAS, Ottawa Street is currently classified as major arterial road;

WHEREAS, the Hamilton brick works yard is no longer in operation and served as the basis for Ottawa Street remaining classified as a major arterial road;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

That staff from Transportation Planning be directed to review the current functional road classification for Ottawa Street in its entirety, taking into account the changing nature of Ottawa Street, goals of Vision Zero and Complete Streets, and report back to Planning Committee with recommended changes, a process and timelines for amending Schedule C Functional Road Classification of the Hamilton Urban Official Plan.