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Subject: Dismay

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I am somewhat dismayed that no other considerations or steps (please see May 8th email sent by me - recouped below) were taken prior to taking the drastic measure of passing the motion calling for "conversion of Main Street from one-way to two-way be approved as an immediate safety intervention."

There were multiple other safety measures that could of been considered prior to taking this last step. No guarantees that going to two way traffic will prevent deaths..

We only have to look to the sad passing of Boris Brott killed by a driver on a two-way thoroughfare.

May 8th correspondence

Dear representatives.

Like you you, I have been saddened by the recent number of pedestrian fatalities in the recent months.

I have heard that there are considerations for Main and King being turned into two way thoroughfares.

While such a conversion on Main Street may have some practicality I believe that any considerations for King Street should be a "non starter"

After all we do have plans to have an LRT going down a significant portion of King in the years to come.

Also consideration of the impact such a move on other arteries should definitely be considered..

As for other solutions things to consider.....I would like to ask some questions as well as propose some solutions.

1) I would be curious to know if the number of accidents on those thoroughfares is disproportionate to the volume of traffic (including trucks) that travels on those routes.

2) I would like to know if the multiple, 4-5 , lane crossing either from north to south or south to north off either 403 Main Street ramps to access Dundurn Street is a contributing factor at that particular intersection.

3) While still looking at the Main / Dundurn area I do believe that the entrance to the mall (Fortino's Plaza) from Main may also be a contributing factor. Possible that drivers who have had to wait for cars to make the turn into the plaza then accelerating to make the turn onto Dundurn.

4) Prior to conversion of Main to two way .. It may be better to follow Toronto's example of installing speed camera's along a significant stretch of the road. Same could be done King while waiting for LRT to be built..

SPEEDING is a City wide issue that speed cameras may help in “turning down the volume” city wide.. while allowing HWRP’s finest to focus on other issues including the crackdown on modified (loud) cars that continue to make life miserable for residents.

I would also hope that you would take the time to consider some of my suggestions as well as others before taking the much more drastic step of turning Main (possibly King) into two way traffic.

I would appreciate it if you would take the time to respond to my enquiries and suggestions

With all due respect for the hard work that you all do... - Marijus

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