

**From:** Laura Palumbo [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 5, 2022 9:50 AM  
**To:** [clerk@hamilton.ca](mailto:clerk@hamilton.ca)  
**Subject:** General Issues Committee, Written Delegation

Dear General Issues Committee,

I am writing to address the multiple tragic and senseless accidents affecting pedestrians and cyclists in Hamilton recently.

As a resident who travels by foot, bicycle, stroller, car with a child that uses a skateboard, scooter and bicycle, I can honestly say that I am afraid for my life, my child's life and those of citizens around me. I live in Ward Two and there isn't a single day that goes by where I'm not cautiously approaching each intersection wondering if an approaching vehicle notices the stop sign, crosswalk, or stop light. I simply don't trust it and why would I? There have been more deaths and injuries caused by vehicles in the first half of this year than previous years combined.

The citizens of Hamilton make this city what it is, not cars, and yet the design of the streets and traffic intersections panders to vehicles as if our lives don't depend on it? In many pedestrian and cyclist frequented areas the roads and streets are designed without these folks in mind. I don't expect that the City Council will have all of the answers, yet how is public safety not the number one question being reflected upon itself at every opportunity? There are plenty of well-researched options (i.e. Vision Zero) to turn to if we are committed to this as a priority.

People are dying in Hamilton simply trying to cross the road to buy groceries, visit a park, or go to their place of work. Please don't put this issue off to another municipal election, another person's problem. This is our issue and we need to prioritize people and community over commuting with cars. Please choose community over cars.

Thank you,

Laura Palumbo  
Ward 2

— —

Laura Palumbo, (she/her)

*I acknowledge that I reside on Anishinabewaki ᐱᐢᓂᐢᓃᐱᐳᐳᐱ, Attiwonderonk (Neutral), Haudenosaunee, Mississauga, and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation land. I understand that acknowledgement of land rights is not enough, and am working to learn new ways to raise awareness and actions of solidarity for Indigenous organizations and communities in Onón:takon (Hamilton) and beyond. Learn more about the land we occupy [here](#).*