

MAIN STREET TWO WAY CONVERSION

TO: D. Sharma, M. Field, V. Mansour, Councillor A. Wilson and Mayor Horwath

RE: Conversion Of Main Street To Two way Traffic

I am opposed to the conversion of Main Street to two way traffic for the following reasons:

1. As a Dundas resident, this conversion will further limit my ability to leave and return to Dundas as there are few options available to me to move from place to place.
2. It further cuts me off to timely access to hospitals since other than the Juravinski on Concession Street all the other hospitals are east of Dundas and close to Main and King Streets. I worry about timely transport to a hospital via ambulance and also if driving my vehicle if the trip is less urgent.
3. Main Street and King Street are emergency exit routes from the 403 and the conversion will greatly impact the ability of vehicles to exit the highway. I remember 3 incidents where there were road closures near the old Spec building at Main due to accidents on the 403 and the traffic was at a standstill for hours.
4. I wonder why the bike lanes are added to Main Street which the city feels will be the busiest route and not King Street where they expect more local traffic. Wouldn't it be safer for bike riders to be on a street with less traffic?
5. I am opposed to the LRT for many reasons including some of those above. It is old technology and there are many glitches. I do not feel it will increase ridership unless you are going from the west end to Eastgate Mall. Electric buses are the way to go for a bi-level city like ours.

In my opinion, I think all the street conversions, bike lanes and added LRT will kill the downtown in Hamilton. I know I will try to avoid the area as much as possible. There is a narrow east/west corridor in Hamilton and this will completely ruin the city.

Canada is supposed to be a democracy but I never get to vote on major changes in the City of Hamilton. I feel like a kid who's told by their parent what's best for them. Prime examples are the LRT and Main Street conversion.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Andrea Dalrymple