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Hello Councillors,

I wanted to reach out to you to express my concern about the recent traffic related fatalities on Main St. and King St.

I believe a two way conversion of Main St. is necessary to calm traffic in the area. Beyond that, I would like to see the city take a more pedestrian centric approach to our streets downtown. In my opinion, our city sidewalks along the main arteries are unsafe and unpleasant. I, and most people I know, avoid walking on the sidewalks along Main and King. There is no barrier between the sidewalk and the closest lane of traffic. Understandably, people do not want to walk beside traffic going 60+ km/hr. But it is unavoidable in certain spots. How is this acceptable? We treat Main and King like highways but do nothing to put a barrier between pedestrians and cars.

A two way conversion would also increase foot traffic to our local shops. What if a person could walk up and down the streets of Main and King downtown, perusing the shops as they do on James? There are fabulous shops along our city's inner city "highways" that people avoid because it's such an unpleasant experience walking around.

It is time to readjust our thinking from being a car-centric society to a pedestrian-centric society.

And on that note... how about we make Ottawa St and Lock St pedestrian only every summer?

Thank you

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