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Subject: Main Street Safety Improvements

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Hello Jason,

I would like for the clerk to include my support for the Wednesday motion relating to Main Street changes.

I am emailing you to advise that I support this motion and believe that council should too.

Main St is among the multitude of streets in Hamilton that are incredibly unsafe, uncomfortable and not welcoming to business, employment, and economic activity. King St and Main St are both filled with hundreds of vacant commercial units, and have seen the deaths and injuries of too many of my neighbours.

Both Main Street, and James Street N are 20 metre right of way roads for the majority of their length, and yet Main St is dangerous, loud, uncomfortable and devoid of vibrancy and life.

The single difference between them is their design. Council must consider changing the design of Main Street to cater to the needs of the local communities including but not limited to not dying when walking around.

With rapid transit on its way, now is the time to take a leadership stand, and show that Hamilton is ready to move into the 21st century, by recognizing the design of Main Street was built for a Hamilton that is long gone. Hamilton should return it's Main Street to how it was before planners catered to a traffic pattern that no longer exists. Restore Main Street to it's former glory, and in doing so respect the lives of citizens, children and families of the lower city.

Regards,

Chris Ritsma.

Ward 2 Resident.