



Pedestrian Charter Steering Committee

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Across from the Thriftlodge Motel

Victoria St. North

Kitchener, Ontario

Where a week ago Veronica Walsh was struck and killed by car when crossing the street to buy a cup of coffee

Re: what was read to a group of people who came together in memory of Veronica Walsh and to set a street memorial

Thank you all for coming tonight to reflect on what transpired here a week ago.

To Veronica's family, our deepest condolences. To our community, I want to express our frustration and anger for ignoring those who need sidewalks to get around.

By coming together to remember Veronica, we hope to raise awareness of the need for a walkable community that serves people of all ages and abilities.

The PCSC is a group of citizens that believes that the benefits of a walkable community are too great to ignore. We believe that the costs of not having a walkable community are also too great to ignore.

What happened to Veronica is unacceptable. No one should have to pay the price that she paid to get around, to cross the street.

If only the memory of Veronica can persuade us to build a walkable community, then at least her death won't have been in vain.

Thank you again for joining us tonight to remember Veronica and to reflect on the meaning that this tragedy has to all who call this Region home.

Margaret Santos

On behalf of the Pedestrian Charter Steering Committee

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