



Pedestrian Charter Steering Committee

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Dear Mr. Ritz,

We are writing to provide feedback on the design for Phase Two Implementation of McLennan Park.

Presently, the proposal for McLennan Park offers a very complete solution for driving to the park and within the park. Nevertheless, it neglects those who arrive by foot or bicycle by not providing: 1) safe places to cross the street near the entry points to the park, 2) bicycle lanes, and 3) sidewalks – either along the neighbouring streets or within the park's roadways. Since this park will attract cyclists and young people who don't drive, we think it is very important that the proposal include a better solution for how these people will arrive to the park safely by foot, bicycle or public transit. McLennan Park will be much more attractive to young users and their families if measures are taken to ensure that they can arrive to the park car-free and safely.

The solution for pedestrian, cycling and transit connectivity must also be of a quality that will encourage users to continue arriving by foot and by bicycle for years to come. We believe that the proposal must include improvements, such as the ones listed below, to the pedestrian and cycling connectivity of the Park to the larger community:

- Introduce a new bus stop at Ottawa St. at mid block. (There is one across the street from the entrance, but not one next to the entrance)
- Make it possible to cross Ottawa St. at Elmsdale Drive and at mid-block to enter the park. In other words, it has to be possible to cross Ottawa Street safely at all the entry points to the park. Since the Region of Waterloo is in the process of redesigning that portion of Ottawa Street, we wonder if it is possible at this point to coordinate efforts to improve the ability for pedestrians to cross the street.
- It has to be possible to cross the street safely by foot and by bicycle at the intersection between Strasburg Road and the trail that connects to the park.
- At McLennan Park Gate, there have to be sidewalks on both sides of the street, and it must be possible to cross the street safely at Block Line Road and at Blackhorne drive. All these streets need sidewalks on both sides. They also need bicycle lanes.
- Inside the park, all the roadways need sidewalks and bicycle lanes.
- Blackhorne Crescent and Barwood Crescent need sidewalks that connect to the lane into the park.

I wish to thank you for the opportunity to comment on this subject, and for your time to consider our feedback.

Yours truly,

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On behalf of the Pedestrian Charter Steering Committee

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