



## Pedestrian Charter Steering Committee

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Kitchener City Hall  
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Region of Waterloo  
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Dear Mayor Zehr/Chairman Seiling and elected officials,

RE: Kitchener Intercity Transit

It seems that service through Greyhound will no longer be available at Charles Street in Kitchener, beginning in July. The new location at Sportsworld drive is accessible only by motorised transport. As a city that has committed to supporting a walkable community, this seems a perplexing change. Accessibility to the service could be diminished as the cost increases; it will promote more car use and will reduce walkers on the street, diminishing community safety and local economic vitality.

The City of Kitchener, & the Region of Waterloo, in order to apply the principles of the Pedestrian Charter:

“ensures that residents’ access to basic community amenities and services does not rely on car ownership or public transit use”

A commuters meeting has confirmed that service will continue to run from the Charles Street terminal, while ticket payment will move to Sportsworld. The meeting reinforced our understanding of this matter as one that impacts pedestrians particularly, as they choose transit. That a full terminal will not be provided for some years was also confirmed. Please consider the following questions:

- What are the details of planned changes, including whether or not shelter will be available for those using the bus service at Sportsworld Drive?
- Have studies been completed to ascertain the relative suitability of alternatives and the numbers of passengers affected?
- Are there any safety concerns?
- What is needed and is the funding in place for changes?
- What is the timetable for the implementation of these changes?

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- What is proposed in terms of publicity (this would seem to be in delay), and what is the timetable for distribution?
- Will there be any opportunity for those affected to contribute to the process?

The City of Kitchener and the Region of Waterloo have adopted the principles of the Pedestrian Charter. These principles require careful consideration of this issue. We look forward to receiving information on your plans for continued, pedestrian access to interurban transit.

Yours sincerely,



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