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238 Queen Street
Kingsville, Ontario
N9Y 2B1



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Honourable Nelson Santos and Council
2021 Division Road North
Kingsville, Ontario
N9Y 2Y9

RE: Sidewalk Construction on Queen Street from Stewart Street to Herrington - West Side.

Hello Mayor Santos and Council,

It has recently come to our attention that our Town of Kingsville has a plan to construct a sidewalk on the west side of Queen Street between Stewart Street to Herrington. The purpose of this letter is to voice objection to the project for the following reasons:

1. As a homeowner in the proposed area of this construction it has been our observation that pedestrian traffic on the existing sidewalk on the east side of Queen is minimal. We feel the the existing sidewalk on the east side of Queen is more than sufficient to handle the needs of pedestrian traffic.
2. Our home is an older home that was built with a far less set back than most and a sidewalk was not a consideration at the time of construction. As a result, our yard immediately in front of our home is small and by adding a sidewalk it will significantly reduce our green-space by 20% and reduce our parking space.
3. We feel that more efforts should be given to increase our green-spaces, not reducing them with pavement and concrete.
4. The existing trees at 238 Queen will be affected adversely. The trees within the impact zone are semi-mature maples that will suffer and will perhaps die from having 50% of the feeder-root system severed at the main trunk.
5. It is my opinion that if the trees located within the impact zone survive, the sidewalk will heave from constricted roots that attempt to regenerate.
6. We have taken great care and have spent considerable amounts of money on our landscape. We do not feel that the addition of a sidewalk in this small restricted area will enhance the overall appearance of the property.
7. Our front yard has an automated irrigation system. This system will need to be redesigned in order to handle a boulevard and upgraded to handle an additional zone.
8. In speaking to our neighbours, no one within the immediate area of the proposed construction is in favour of this project. We feel that money spent on this project is not a necessity and would be much

better spent on other projects that would better serve our community. (Signatures of homeowners have been collected.)

Please reconsider this project or at very least reconsider the placement by locating the sidewalk tight against the curb and wrapping around utility poles.

If the sidewalk was located tight against the curb, it would lessen the impact on the landscape and eliminate a difficult to maintain boulevard that would exist between the curb and proposed sidewalk. This alternate solution does not suggest that we are in favour of this project. Merely, this redesign recommendation would be a less intrusive solution and only if it can be proven that this project is an absolute need to our community.

Once again, please reconsider this project on Queen Street.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Plumb', with a stylized, flowing script.

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