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Hi Jennifer,

Could you please forward my concern below to Council for correspondence, and also to the Accessibility Committee for consideration?

First I would like to commend the town on the MANY upgrades with sidewalks and designated trails made to encourage walkers and bicycles. The paved shoulders and wide sidewalks and trails are VERY much appreciated.

However, I would like to address the pedestrian and bicycle safety entering the Freshco/Dollarama/LCBO shopping area. I live in town (69 Augustine Dr) and choose to walk and ride my bicycle often, for practical, healthy, efficient transportation to do shopping, visiting etc..

I find it frightening at the intersection of Main St and the businesses of McDonalds/Erie Shores Rehab. Especially once I enter the driveway going north towards the strip mall with the Source/Dollarama and turning east towards WFCU and LCBO. I would NEVER allow grandchildren to enter there. The curbs are high and the traffic lanes are narrow. The sidewalk ends at the McDonalds driveway with hurried traffic. The only ramp off the sidewalk leads west into McDonalds parking lot. To continue straight it is a steep drop which brings you directly into busy traffic, with drivers NOT expecting pedestrians or bicycles. I cannot imagine how much busier that area will be once Shoppers Drug Mart opens.

It seems the whole parking lot is designed for people to drive only from business to business. Can there not be pedestrian and bicycle designated lines/lanes?

I dare those on a design committee to take a field trip there on a busy afternoon, or at dusk when visibility is compromised. See how unsafe you feel.

I am sending this because I only want the best for our TOWN. I see cities with much better design for pedestrians. This area is right off our Greenway, yet could not be more of a contrast in safety.

Thank you for your consideration in making some improvement.

Margie Anson

Let's try encourage more people to

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