



Motion Memorandum

SUBJECT: Sheldon Creek Community Traffic Assessment
Request Staff Direction

TO: Community Planning, Regulation & Mobility Cttee.

FROM: Councillor Paul Sharman, Ward 5

Date to Committee: July 6, 2021

Date to Council: July 13, 2021

Motion for Council to Consider:

Direct the Director of Transportation Services to conduct a review of traffic safety in the Sheldon Creek neighbourhood and report back to Committee in Q4 of 2021 with a summary of findings and any recommendations for improvement.

Reason:

The Sheldon Creek Community (Uptown) have for years been plagued by concerns about road safety due to the compact design and narrow streets of the neighbourhood. The situation is made worse by cut through traffic, including trucks and other commercial vehicles, between Mainway to Appleby Line and Upper Middle Road as well as from Appleby Line to Upper Road and in reverse. The neighbourhood is populated by many young families with young children. Parking is at a premium and roads are lined on both sides with resident's vehicles at all times of day and night, making it especially risky for children to cross the road. This concern is heightened with the introduction of the much appreciated newly reconstructed DesJardines Park.

Because of the compact, effective land use design of the neighbourhood, traditional traffic calming methods are not terribly effective and reducing parking without providing an alternative would create huge problems for community members. If readers have a moment, please watch the video here: <https://streamable.com/69087n> .

Outcome Sought:

The community has established an online petition Petition - [Sheldon Creek Community Traffic Management Assessment Request](#) - [Change.org](#), which has been signed by 128 community members. The words of the petition speak for themselves:

“This petition is requesting a full community traffic assessment for the Sheldon Creek [Uptown] neighbourhood of Burlington, ON.

Sheldon Creek is a small, unique community that struggles with an abundance of traffic issues including the lack of parking solutions, inadequate traffic calming measures and very narrow streets with double sided parking. As a result of these realities, drivers are unable to see children playing on our sidewalks and emergency services would be unable to drive down many of our streets.

We are requesting a full traffic assessment of our neighbourhood, including evening and weekend observations when street parking is over capacity. We are requesting that the city of Burlington provide a complete plan to solve these issues, including possible solutions such as lowering speed limits, increased patrolling, speed bumps, one way streets, etc.

As residents of Sheldon Creek we believe that if the City of Burlington does not implement some significant solutions to traffic issues in Sheldon Creek, there could be a significant future tragedy as a result of these traffic realities. “

Vision to Focus Alignment:

(check those that apply)

- ☒ Increase economic prosperity and community responsive city growth
- ☒ Improve integrated city mobility
- ☒ Support sustainable infrastructure and a resilient environment
- ☒ Building more citizen engagement, community health and culture
- ☒ Deliver customer centric services with a focus on efficiency and technology transformation

Motion Seconded by: as required
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Approved as per form by the City Clerk,

Reviewed by the City Manager - In accordance with the Code of Good Governance, Council-Staff Relations Policy and an assessment of the internal capacity within the City to complete the work based on a specific target date (quarter/year).

Comments:

City Clerk: Approved

City Manager: Approved