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Burlington, Ontario

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Clerks Dep't, City of Burlington

Dear Clerks, Council and City Staff:

I am writing to provide feedback on item CPRM-05-21, Councillor Paul Sharman's motion, approved at the Community Planning, Regulation & Mobility Committee on July 6 to 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.

I support this motion to enable communities like the Sheldon Creek neighbourhood to ensure the safety of vulnerable road users on neighbourhood streets, particularly our young people.

As an Orchard resident, I have observed similar situations within our neighbourhood as well.

I believe that this is a necessary step in application of the Vision Zero approach to road safety in Burlington, which is a key part of the city's Vision 2 Focus strategy to improve integrated city mobility. As a part of that approach, system designers and policy makers share the responsibility for ensuring safe and equitable networks for travel.

Therefore, I would further ask, utilizing the learnings from City Staff's investigation into the concerns of Sheldon Creek residents, that Council add language to the resolution which would enable application of Vision Zero policies on a city-wide basis, instead of trying to achieve this solely for a single neighbourhood. Residents in many other neighbourhoods, including the newer developed neighbourhoods in Burlington (Orchard, Tansley, Alton Village) have similar concerns to the residents of Sheldon Creek. All neighbourhoods in Burlington deserve to be safe places for residents to live, work and play.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Chris Ariens (Ward 5)