

My name is Wendy Moraghan and I'm a lifelong Burlington resident. I grew up in Ward 5, residing in a home at the corner of White Pines and Spruce, then moving to Pineland Avenue when I was 6 years old. My family lived on Pineland Avenue until I was 15 years old, before moving closer to Nelson High School. 20 years ago, I moved back to my old Ward 5 neighbourhood into my current home on Linwood Crescent. I attended Pineland School from Kindergarten until Grade 8, walking four times daily to and from school and home for lunch breaks. I took the walking route south on Pineland Avenue, west on Bromley Road, south on Linwood Crescent, east on Spruce Avenue and then south on Meadowhill Road to Pineland School. I would walk this route four times daily with friends. During this time in our lives, police officers were "ALLOWED" to attend our school and we would receive lesson on road safety, stranger safety etc, from our local School Safety Officer. Our parents would also speak to us about road safety and walking to and from school. Never do I recall any pedestrian, motor vehicle accident where a child was injured as a result of walking on the side of the roadway. We did not have sidewalks then and we were safe. I later attended Nelson High School, walking the majority of the time, occasionally taking the bus which then ran along Spruce Avenue (right past Councillor Sharman's home). Even in the winter when the City didn't clear the snow from the sidewalks on Spruce Avenue and we were forced to walk on the roadway, do I ever recall any pedestrian accidents. Numerous times a week my friends and I would play at Bromley Park, walking down Maureen Court which is a small roadway enabling entrance to the Park. The only road traffic on this small stretch of roadway is by the residents who live on this Court. Never once was there a need for a sidewalk to enable us to safely gain entrance to the Park.

When I learned that the City was proposing sidewalks on Linwood Crescent, Bromley Road and Maureen Court, I was shocked. When the City held a Public meeting on October 25th 2023 at 6:00 pm at Tansley Woods Community Centre I was also shocked. Why on earth would a meeting concerning a southeast Burlington, Ward 5 issue, be held in a different Ward, mid-week, at supper time and when many people are still commuting home from work ??? This meeting was attended by many, but more would have been there if it had been held in our area. The community residents in attendance were extremely frustrated by the presentation and some of us were able to speak about our concerns. Why are none of these comments, letters, quotes etc being attached to the agenda for this Sidewalk Proposal ?? Where are our voices, where are our concerns ?

Why was Mr. Ozimkovic not able to answer the simple question of when the traffic study was done? This question was asked during the Public meeting on October 25th. Lakeshore Road was closed for a significant period of time for the bridge reconstruction, thus routing westbound traffic off Lakeshore and down residential streets, including Pineland Avenue, White Pines Drive, Bromley Road and Linwood Crescent. Thus increasing the traffic flow through our normally quiet community.

The fact that the City of Burlington is proposing only a "few" trees will be desecrated for this project, is disgusting. The City has already killed numerous trees in the recent Appleby Creek Erosion Control Project. Does all this not go against Madame Mayor's beloved Tree Protection

and Canopy Enhancement Policy ? Changing the landscape of our local community will be detrimental to the residents and their beloved properties. Our residents take pride in their homes and landscaping, the City has no right to come in and "fix what isn't broken".

Listen to the residents

In closing, as an active resident of this Ward 5 community, of course I'm concerned about mobility and active transportation issues and more importantly safety issues, yes, we have more cars on the roads than we did when I was a child, however, I AND the majority of ALL other residents in this community do NOT feel sidewalks are warranted. As a retired Halton Regional Police Officer, I have never had safety concerns with this area with regards to pedestrian safety, nor do I recall there ever being any motor vehicle fatalities or incidents involving pedestrians. The residents are responsible for their own safety and wellbeing and the safety of their children. Sidewalks are NOT needed in our Community, listen to the voices of the residents and taxpayers.

Thank you