

Hello,

I would like to share my thoughts regarding a couple of items on the committee of a whole agenda. I would appreciate it if my below concerns were accepted by council.

1st being the Pay in Lieu of parking policy.

- I support what this policy is trying to achieve. Reduce the hangups of parking minimums. But i am still worried that this will not be enough. In order to create a thriving and economically sustainable city we need to stop the dependence on cars. The biggest problem that the city faces in creating a walkable place is directly related to car infrastructure. Parking and roads takes up so much space. The dependency on cars is very prevalent in Guelph. I know people that lived without a car in other cities but were essentially forced to buy a car because Guelph is so dependent. Please consider following other cities across north America by eliminating parking minimums all together.

2. The Wyndham and St. Georges Square design.

I believe that the proposed design is a vast improvement compared to what we currently have. However i feel that we should push even further to make the downtown a destination. Not just a road through. St Georges square has a massive ability to become a "third place" for people to interact, a place to host events and just enjoy in the heart of downtown.

We have the luxury of 2 main roads on each side of downtown in Nortfolk and Woolwhich. This makes the possibility of restricting cars on Wyndham a true possibility.

Hopefully we are able to push the for a downtown fully designed for people. Not their cars.

Maybe at a minimum we could eliminate much of the on street parking.

Thanks for reading

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