

Monday, May 11th, I (Laura Brown) will be a delegate voicing support for motion 7.1. Given the political climate precipitating the reversal of the crossing buttons, this motion comes at a time that may not be welcome. But I think it comes at an opportune time for Guelph.

Why? Because as the COVID-19 Pandemic continues to evolve, the health and well being of the people who call Guelph home is a top priority to all of us.

Cities across Canada (I've added a list below the citations) have reallocated road space to relieve as Mayor tory stated Wednesday "key hotspots where there are lineups and pinch points on sidewalks."

Here are the links to the articles I will be referring to during my address. I'm sending them now so you will have a chance to read for yourselves how our neighbouring cities have reallocated their public roads to provide more space for sidewalks and cycling. Why? They have done so to protect people from both COVID-19 and traffic injuries.

Letter From RU Epidemiologists: Physical Distancing Needs Space

<https://www.citybuildinginstitute.ca/2020/04/13/letter-from-ru-epidemiologists-physical-distancing-needs-space/>

Ontario to allow more businesses to reopen; Ford extends lower hydro rates; Toronto will 'look different' in post-COVID world, Tory says

<https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2020/05/06/coronavirus-updates-may-6-covid-19-canada.html>

You're less likely to catch coronavirus outdoors — so why are parks closed?

<https://globalnews.ca/news/6906508/coronavirus-outdoors-parks-closed/>

From the city of Kitchener's Website:

<https://www.kitchener.ca/en/city-services/city-services.aspx#Wider-sidewalks-downtown>

Where should lanes be closed for pedestrians and cyclists as the city comes back to life? We crunched the data

<https://www.thestar.com/opinion/contributors/2020/04/26/where-should-lanes-should-be-closed-for-pedestrians-and-cyclists-as-the-city-comes-back-to-life-we-crunched-the-data.html>

City implementing temporarily bike lanes during COVID-19

<https://www.inbrampton.com/city-implementing-temporarily-bike-lanes-during-covid-19>

List of Canadian cities that have already reallocated traffic road space to expand pedestrian and cycling space:

- in British Columbia
 - Vancouver
 - Victoria
 - Kamloops
 - New Westminster
 - Richmond

- In Alberta
 - Calgary
 - Edmonton
- in Saskatchewan
 - Saskatoon
 - Regina
- in Manitoba
 - Winnipeg
- in Ontario
 - Toronto
 - Ottawa
 - Kitchener
 - Brampton
 - London
 - Mississauga
- in Québec
 - Montréal
 - Drummondville