

I'm deeply disappointed in a proposed project that supposedly will take place in the downtown core in 2026. I've learned about this proposal a couple of months ago from Maxine Koehler who handed the papers to me in person at my store called Modern Tourist located at 1 Quebec St.

I've already submitted my negative comments online but would like to point out that I'm very concerned about this project and this is why:

1. Build a Playground - People who visit downtown come to do window shopping, shopping and have a nice dinner and not listen to screaming kids; we have special places for those activities such as parks and recreational areas.
2. Self Cleaning Bathrooms - Will be occupied by drug addicts and homeless individuals who we have plenty in the downtown core. This particular situation is deteriorating rapidly.
3. To move the fountain - The biggest question I have for the person who proposed this - WHY. Why break something functional and nice only to move it by a few feet? I really want to know. We have so many issues that have to be addressed first and foremost before we can even think about moving a fountain by a few feet, such a waste of taxpayers money and energy.
4. Sitting areas with Lighting - We need to leave room for restaurant patios, they bring a lot of people in and people really enjoy them in the summer.
5. Bike Lanes - NO

I meet a lot of people who are my customers in the store and I do share with them about the project. I can assure you that not even one person said yes to the changes that were proposed. People are concerned about a hang out near the church on Quebec St. It is absolutely disgusting to see people there doing drugs, shouting and looking as they do.. I personally live in downtown Burlington and it is day and night between the two cities. Guelph has a lot of potential and I wish people who work for the city would see that.

Thank you for your time,

Elena Zizza, owner Modern Tourist