

To Mayor Guthrie and Members of Guelph City Council,

My name is Matt Brodie, and I'm a resident of the St. George's neighbourhood. I'm writing in support of safer, more accessible, and sustainable transportation options in Guelph ahead of the July 22 Council meeting.

I am in favour of transitioning speed and red light camera enforcement to a local administrative penalty system. Let's keep people safe and the courts unburdened.

I also support the goals of the Downtown Infrastructure Renewal Program and the redesign of St. George's Square. I want to make sure that I don't need to call out to ask someone to get out of the bike lane, or worry about bikes weaving around around me when I'm pushing my son in a stroller. I think some smart design choices can help with that.

And I support the inclusion of bike parking at 343 Waterloo Avenue, but I sincerely hope this is just the start of making cycling a standard option for people. And that includes parking for my 7 foot long cargo bike. Or charging for my friend's E bike. Maybe we can even find ways to switch car parking spots for bike parking if residents desire that. All we will need is some anchors to lock down our bikes to the ground, and instantly you can park multiple bikes in a single car parking spot. However we do it, if we can make it easier and more practical to store our bikes, you might be surprised at how many more people choose to bike.

Just today, I was biking from downtown to the south end and back with my son on the back of the bike. I was so thankful for the bike lanes on Scottsdale and College. I am glad for that evidence that we can make biking a feasible option. Let's keep going!

Thank you for your attention and for your work toward a safer, more connected Guelph.

Sincerely,

Matt Brodie