

Dear Mayor Guthrie and Members of Guelph City Council,

I'm writing to express deep concern about the proposed cuts to Guelph's active transportation infrastructure and programs. These reductions would have real impacts on residents who rely on walking, biking, rolling, and transit as their primary ways of moving through the city.

My family depends on active transportation every day, and we regularly navigate which routes feel safe enough for biking or walking on with our two young children. No parent in a city committed to safer streets should have to make those calculations or fear for our lives while getting around our city.

The proposed reductions also run counter to the City's Vision Zero commitments. We cannot meaningfully pursue safer streets while cutting the very investments – sidewalks, cycling routes, trails, and winter maintenance – that make them safe and accessible. Recent tragedies on our streets show these investments are not optional, they are essential.

Active transportation is not recreation for many residents. It is how people get to school, work, appointments, groceries, and community. Cutting funding sends the wrong message about whose safety and mobility matter.

I urge Council to restore full funding for active transportation and to continue building a connected, safe, and equitable network that reflects the values and future Guelph deserves.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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