

PROMOTING PATHWAYS FOR WALKING AND CYCLING IN NORFOLK

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Ms. June Szeman, Vice-chair Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board 322 Fairview Drive PO Box 217 Brantford ON N3T 5M8

Dear Ms. Szeman,

I am writing in support of the letter you sent to the Mayor of Norfolk County, concerning sidewalk issues in your school communities, during your term as Chair of the Board.

I am the Chair of a local community coalition called Norfolk Pathways for People. Our collective goals are to:

- Advocate for new and improved trails and pathways in Norfolk County [pathways include sidewalks].
- Build a healthier community that supports walking and cycling.
- Promote the safe use of local trails and pathways.

We share your concerns for the safety of all pedestrians, including students. Norfolk Pathways for People is the constant voice in the community advocating for neighbourhoods that support people being active through walking. We realize that there are many gaps in Norfolk County's sidewalk infrastructure but know that these gaps are being addressed by the County's Public Works Department.

We were pleased to see your letter to the Mayor as it highlights specific areas of concern that can help Public Works prioritize their work plans in relation to sidewalks. As a coalition that promotes walking, Pathways for People encourages the community to raise these issues with decision makers and we thank you for your letter.

Sincerely,

Joyce Flexman Chair, Norfolk Pathways for People

cc: Mayor Dennis Travale
Members of Council, Norfolk County
Eric D'Hondt, GM Public Works and Environmental Services