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FOR WALKING AND CYCLING IN NORFOLK

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Mr. Rick Petrella
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Dear Mr Petrella,

We are writing in support of your recent letter to Norfolk County Council requesting the installation of a sidewalk on Evergreen Hill Road leading to Holy Trinity Catholic High School. Pathways for People shares your concern for the safety of students walking to Holy Trinity.

We are a community coalition that advocates for the development and improvement of connected pathways in Norfolk County. We also promote the regular use of trails, sidewalks and roadways for health, recreation and active transportation. Our objectives include:

- Advocating for new and improved trails and pathways [which include sidewalks] in Norfolk County.
- Building a healthier, accessible and connected community.
- Promoting the safe use of local trails and pathways.

In support of your advocacy efforts, we would like to bring to your attention the Norfolk County Active Transportation Strategy that was accepted by Council in November 2016.

Report P.W. 16-81, Integrated Sustainable and Active Transportation Master Plans Completion, was received for information - AND FURTHER THAT the Integrated Sustainable and Active Transportation Master Plans be incorporated in the Official Plan Update and future Strategic Plan reviews.

On page 39 of the approved Active Transportation Strategy, item 4.1.6 Prioritizing Sidewalk Improvements states, "Where possible, the County should aim to have sidewalks on both sides of the roadways for routes that make up the designated Active Transportation network."

And, "Priority should be given to the designated Active Transportation routes where no sidewalks currently exist within the "walkable" area of local schools to establish a more connected pedestrian system."



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And, “One of the priorities of the strategy is providing youth with direct access to school through active and safe routes. Those students who live within 1.6km of a school are considered “able” to use an alternative mode of transportation and are not identified as candidates for bussing. As such, proposed Active Transportation routes where no sidewalks currently exist within 1.6km radius of a school should be considered a priority for the County.”

Specific to this location, Evergreen Hill Road is cited as a Sidewalk Implementation Priority Project, from Norfolk Street South to Elm Street, where there is a gap in sidewalk connectivity.

We look forward to seeing this item of the Active Transportation Strategy being fulfilled, for the safety of Holy Trinity students and the general walking public.

Sincerely,

Gord Mason, Chair
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