**From:** Bill Elliott
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 7, 2017 1:18 PM
**To:** MayorBowman; Gillingham, Scott (Councillor); Mayes, Brian; Pagtakhan, Mike; Gilroy, Cindy; Orlikow, John
**Cc:** Gameiro, Carlos; Bill Elliott
**Subject:** Fwd:

Apologies all. Hoping this retry comes though in a more readable format.....

Dear Executive Policy Committee:

I am writing to express FortWhyte Alive's support of the twinning of the Wilkes Ave. option, and its opposition to any realignment option that would require the expropriation of its northern acreage fronting on Sterling Lyon Parkway.

FortWhyte Alive is more than just a nature centre, wildlife refuge, or a setting for environmental education. Our 630-acre landscape boasts an award-winning destination for incredibly diverse 'life' experiences. For over 50 years we have been inspiring citizens through nature with a wide variety of unique programs and exhibits that promote awareness and understanding of the natural world and actions leading to sustainable living. In 2011, with the City at the table, FortWhyte Alive turned its attention to a low-carbon, sustainable Human Habitation Exhibit to be developed on our north 100 acres of land abutting Sterling Lyon Parkway. The potential of this acreage makes it key to the future of FortWhyte Alive and its mission. We have created a sustainable business model that will secure our existence well into the future, but it relies directly on these lands as the key site to this working exhibit that would be severely compromised by expropriation.

Thank you for considering FortWhyte Alive's formal opposition to any realignment option other than the twinning of Wilkes Ave.

Sincerely,
Bill Elliott

**Bill Elliott**
President & CEO
**FortWhyte Alive**