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Item 2 of the Report of the Standing Committee Policy on Public Works dated March 4, 2026 (Wellington Crescent [Academy Road to Stradbrook Avenue] – Bike Lane Pilot Project)

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Comments
Traffic-related air pollution is one of the three major sources of air pollution in Canada. It can lead to a number of illnesses, including asthma and even premature death. A study in 2013 showed that about 9 times more people in Canada died from premature deaths attributable to air pollution than from deaths due to motor vehicle collisions. Many urban Canadians spend up to 5% of their day (over an hour) in their car and this increases their exposure to automobile air pollutants. Exposure to these pollutants while commuting can impact cognitive function, stress hormone levels, and cardiovascular function.

While cities across the world, including San Francisco, Warsaw, Beijing, Amsterdam, and London (UK) have taken measures to reduce their air pollution – measures that include building more bike lanes – Winnipeg remains in the smoggy past with councillors and citizens and the mayor digging in their heels against the “radical bike lobby” and senior citizens who want to walk safely and peacefully on city streets.

The government of Canada is predicting that the summer of 2026 will be one of the hottest years on record due to climate change. This is going to add extra strain to basic services, including health care due to heat-related illnesses. The mayor says he is concerned about younger demographics in the city but he does not seem concerned enough to take steps to reduce air pollution. What will life be like 10 years from now? Drought? Food shortages? Every car that we get off the road and every car trip we avert by providing good and reliable

alternatives helps all of us. It has been very sad to see elected city officials spread division by pointing fingers at cyclists and seniors (who are trying to make things better) when we all need to work together to try to reduce the pollution that is killing us and all living things on our planet.

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