Good morning City Council Members.

How many citizens put their lives at risk in continuing the ride-share with motor vehicles on Wellington Crescent? This is 2026 and we need to get a handle on the required safety improvements to this corridor. I presented as a delegation so long ago and truly disappointed this issue is still being debated.

I am a senior and insulted learning elected council members not acknowledging my age group needs in future decisions, yet I pay the required taxes the city requests. It is NOT okay to ignore the needs of seniors who pay taxes. Our neighbourhood of seniors, kids, pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers cannot wait longer for action on Wellington Crescent.

I respectfully oppose the motion presenting recommendation to implement a permanent bike lane on Wellington Crescent. While I support initiatives that improve safety and accessibility for all road users, moving directly to a permanent installation without first conducting a pilot project does not allow for a full understanding of how this change will function in real-world conditions.

Wellington Crescent is a unique and heavily used corridor, serving not only cyclists, but also commuters, residents, service vehicles, and visitors accessing local amenities. A permanent redesign without a trial period risk overlooking important factors such as traffic flow, congestion, parking impacts, accessibility for residents, and emergency vehicle movement.

A pilot project would provide valuable, real-time data and allow the community to experience the changes before they are finalized. It would also create an opportunity to identify unintended consequences and make thoughtful adjustments based on evidence rather than projections. This approach encourages transparency, builds public confidence, and results in better long-term planning.

Given the significance of Wellington Crescent to the surrounding community, it is **both reasonable and responsible** to proceed with a temporary pilot before committing to permanent infrastructure changes.

I urge decision-makers to adopt a measured approach by implementing a pilot project first, ensuring that any final decision reflects the needs, safety, and realities of all who use Wellington Crescent.

Best regards,
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