May 26th, 2022

Mayor Andy Letham and Members of Council City of Kawartha Lakes

We wanted to take this opportunity to put into writing our support for the return of the previous lane configuration of Cambridge Street South (between Kent Street and Russell Street), which was changed to a new configuration following the reconstruction of the street in late 2021.

As you know, we have received numerous complaints and concerns from the businesses in the area, and members of the public. The concerns include difficulty in making turns onto the street from Kent or Russell due to the narrow lanes, the awkwardnesss in navigating the short block, and the loss of parallel parking along the street.

In addition to the verbal complaints and concerns, we have received official correspondence from Dr. David Stone, Adam Hayward, and Neil Young, who together make up a majority of the businesses and properties along this block.

We understand that this topic will come to the Committee of the Whole meeting on June 7th, and it is our hope that an official resolution to return the street to its pre-construction configuration will be passed at the Council meeting following that.

It is also our understanding that the same design is planned for William Street (both North and South) following the current Phase IV reconstruction project, which is progressing well by Coco Paving, and there is a possibility that William Street South may be ready for paving even prior to Cambridge Street South.

It is our request that this resolution also include that William Street (from Peel Street to Russell Street) have the same lane configuration as it did pre-construction.

We very much appreciate your attention and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Steve Podolsky Board Chair

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Melissa McFarland Executive Director

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