



Active Transportation Advocates Kawartha Lakes

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Dear Mayor Elmslie and Council

Re: Pottinger Street Sidewalks

As you are aware, Pottinger Street is now under reconstructions and a sidewalk is in the plans for the south side of Pottinger Street between Albert St. and Adelaide Street. This proposal created a conflict of interests that you are being asked to resolve.

The facts regarding this situation are simple. The solution is not so simple.

On the one hand this creates a change for residents on that section of Pottinger, and any change requires adjustments to one degree or another.

On the other hand, the School Board has requested that there be a sidewalk installed in that section of Pottinger to provide safe passage for young children who attend Parkview school. Also, in the Active Transportation Task Force discussions, many were of the members were of the opinion that there should be sidewalks on both sides of the street in school zones, both for safety and to encourage more physical activity.

As Lindsay grows and traffic becomes more intense, safety issues grow in importance. Given this situation, ATAKL believes that safety should take priority, and that one of the three sidewalk options for the south side of Pottinger Street should be chosen.

Thank you for your consideration of ATAKL's thoughts on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Bill Steffler – ATAKL Co-Chair

