



29 January 2016

Mayor Jamie McGarvey and Council  
Town of Parry Sound  
52 Seguin Street  
Parry Sound, ON P2A 1B4

Dear Mayor McGarvey and Council:

**Re: William Street Reconstruction Project**

Parry Sound Area Active Transportation is pleased to see that the reconstruction plans for William Street include facilities to accommodate pedestrians and cyclists. This is an important step in building an active transportation network and bringing the Town closer to its goal of being “a safe and affordable community and destination for four-season active living.” We applaud the Town’s vision and related initiatives such as the 8-80 Advisory Committee, Trails Master Plan, the new cycling infrastructure on Forest Street and now the reconstruction of William Street.

We have reviewed the project summary and agree that the option selected by Staff is appropriate in this particular context. However, because cyclists will not be physically separated from traffic, and traffic will be travelling at speeds of at least 50 kph, we would like to recommend consideration of additional strategies for increasing the safety of cyclists. In keeping with the 8-80 rule, the Ontario Medical Association recommends “...bike lane and bike path networks should be safe and seamless enough for parents to feel comfortable permitting their children to ride on them.”

We would also like to propose that our group become part of the consultation process for street infrastructure renewal projects, similar to our involvement in the Municipality’s Site Plan Approval process. We look forward to your response to our request.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Wendall Fisher'.

Wendall Fisher, Chair  
Parry Sound Area Active Transportation

Cc Peter Brown