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To: The Candidates for Municipal Election in the Parry Sound Area From: Parry Sound Area Active Transportation Committee

Dear Candidate,

The term Active Transportation is defined as any form of human-powered, non-motorized transportation such as walking, cycling and wheeling. It can be used as an alternative to motorized transportation to carry out one's daily activities and for recreation. Our regionally focused, community-led group has been active in the Parry Sound Area since the year 2006 in promoting the building and maintenance of active transportation infrastructure such as sidewalks and bike paths. The many community-wide benefits of active transportation include:

- (1) Healthy citizens
- (2) Reduced emissions and energy use
- (3) More vibrant communities and improved quality of life

We invite you, as a candidate for the municipal election to be held on 22 October 2018, to consider how you would help build a region where people of all ages and abilities can get around actively, sustainably and safely.

You can learn more about Parry Sound Area Active Transportation and our recommendations by visiting our <u>website</u> and reviewing these resources:

- (1) Position paper on cycle-friendly environments
- (2) Position paper on <u>pedestrian-friendly environments</u>
- (3) Correspondence that reflects activity on a few of our key projects

You can also learn more by participating in our monthly meetings. All are welcome!

Sincerely yours,

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