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To: Nancy Bozzato <NBozzato@pelham.ca>

Subject: Letter for Mayor and Council - Please add to Next Council Agenda

To: Mr Mayor and Councillors,

RE: Letter in support for the Active Transportation Committee to surface trails.

I was most surprised and disappointed to read that a grant to surface our trails was turned down.

As the former chair of the Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee, I have always been proud of Pelham, for not only meeting, but in many cases exceeding the requirements of the AODA (Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act).

As you know this Act sets the requirements for both new and/or redeveloped outdoor spaces, which include recreational trails. The requirements are quite specific as to slope, surface and access etc.

The grant would go along way to make our trails more accessible for those with disabilities, Seniors, Moms with strollers , Small Children, Cyclists and you and I.

I would gladly provide a wheelchair to any member of Council to take a test drive on the existing trail surface.

As Chair of the Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee, I heartily endorse the bid of the Active Transportations Committee of Council to have the trails in the Town of Pelham paved making them accessible to all residents.

Respectfully, submitted

Sharon Cook