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Subject: Council Meeting - October 4, 2021- Concerns about "Supporting a Steve Bauer Trail Road Crossing"

Good Evening Mr. Mayor, Mr Kore, and Mr. Wink,

I am writing to you as my mayor and as my ward councilors to express my concerns about the request from the *Turkstra Mazza delegation* for an exemption to the council's January 11, 2021 Council Trail System Resolution (Source: [October 4, 2021 Council Meeting Agenda](#)).

I have been a resident of Fonthill since 2009, and one of the reasons I moved to Pelham is because of its rural character, its abundance of green space, and its network of trails. I use the Steve Bauer Trail often, and am especially pleased to see the increased usage of the trail since it was paved.

That is why tomorrow's request from the *Turkstra Mazza delegation* is of great concern to me.

According to the [Town of Pelham Website](#), we have 572 km of roads, 64 km of sidewalks, and just 2.1 km of paved walking trails.

Roads, Mr. Mayor, Mr Kore, and Mr. Wink, are clearly not in short supply in our town.

But trails are rare, and once they are gone, we are never getting them back.

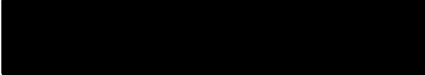
I have reviewed the delegation proposal in detail, and I am concerned as to why the residents of Pelham, both current and future, have to sacrifice so much when the developers of this project are sacrificing nothing.

The trail was built in the 1990s, while according to publically available information this property was acquired by Sterling Reality in 2012. The existence of this trail is not new and, with all due respect, the developers of this project have had ample time to consider all aspects of EMS access and the road network within their existing subdivision design.

If they have overlooked those factors in their site plan, then that is their oversight alone to fix- it should not mean sacrificing the limited amount of trails we have in our beautiful town.

With all of these factors in mind, I urge you, as representatives of the residents of the Town of Pelham, to deny this request for an exemption and to unequivocally deny the request for the approval of a by-law to deem a portion of Steve Bauer Trail a public highway.

Andrea Johnson



CC: Sarah Leach, Deputy Clerk, Town of Pelham; Barb Wiens, Director of Community Planning and Development.