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Town of Whitby
Planning and Development Public Meeting
575 Rossland Road East
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Via e-mail: clerk@whitby.ca

May 28, 2021

RE: Report PL -27-21 (Geranium Corporation File No. DEV-07-21 (SW-2021-02, Z-04-21))

Dear Reader,

As an advocacy group in support of safe cycling, Durham Region Cycling Coalition (DRCC) is a not-for-profit volunteer organization representing the six cycle clubs as well as cycling enthusiasts located in Durham Region.

As such, DRCC is pleased to have the opportunity to provide feedback relating to the above noted public meeting application scheduled for Monday, May 31, 2021.

Upon review of the publicly posted material, DRCC notes the applicant has included under attachment # 7 an Active Transportation Map which includes a Multi Use Pathway (MUP) on Columbus Road W.

In the interest of supporting all active transportation users we would ask that the following be taken into consideration.

- Currently, Columbus Road W. serves as a primary east / west cycling corridor across north Brooklin utilized by road cyclists.
- As a participating stakeholder within the new Whitby Active Transportation Plan, we see Columbus Road has been identified to include both on road cycling and MUP support across its complete length as future urbanization unfolds.

This in mind, we would ask for the proposed upgrade on Columbus Road W. be expanded to include an identified on road 1.7 M "Cycling Lane" with "No Parking" restrictions in addition to the proposed MUP.



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By adding this simple low-cost improvement at the time of construction, all cyclist will be fully supported versus the present proposal which only supports one segment of the cycling community.

Further to this - and in the interest of our road ways most vulnerable users - we would also request the applicant have in place safety measures to ensure road cyclists currently utilizing Columbus Road W will be fully protected during all phases of construction including the following;

- Maintain a clean safe cycling road surface across Columbus Road W.
- Ensure clear site lines supporting cycling awareness on Columbus Road are in place as construction activity enters and exits the proposed work site.

Lastly, DRCC would appreciate being to added the Town of Whitby notification list for future public notifications specific to this application using our DRCC contact information.

On behalf of every-one at DRCC, thank you for taking time to consider our submission. As safe cycling advocates and community partners, we appreciate the applicant's approach in support of active transportation and are optimistic our recommendations will be seen to have merit for inclusion as this project unfolds.

Respectfully,

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