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Town of Whitby  
Planning and Development Department  
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Via e-mail: clerk@whitby.ca

March 14, 2023

**RE: Public Meeting March 27, 2023,  
Report Title - DEV-33-22: Official Plan Amendment Application OPA  
Zoning By-law Amendment Application - Whitby 108 Victoria Inc., 106 & 110  
Victoria Street West**

Dear Town of Whitby,

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

As such, DRCC is pleased to have the opportunity to provide a written submission relating to the above noted Statutory Public Meeting scheduled for Monday, March 27, 2023.

Upon review of the publicly posted material - specific to Attachment #3 - safe cycling support does not appear to be incorporated within the project. Although a proposal to provide short term bike parking at the corner of Victoria St and Brock St. comprising of three spaces has been included, we find this to be completely inadequate given the nature and location of this development.



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With safety in mind for our roads most vulnerable users, we ask that the following be taken into consideration in support of safe cycling:

- The proposed concrete sidewalk fronting Brock St. S. be replaced with an asphalt 3.5m by directional Multi-Use–Path (MUP).
- A Traffic Light Bike Signal exists at the Victoria St./Brock St. intersection crossing Brock St. East/West on the south side.
  - To complete connectivity, a second Bike Signal Traffic Light should be installed crossing Victoria on the North/South intersection axis- west side thus providing safe access to the Victoria MUP.
- Given the high-density population this residential site will be supporting, provide upgraded bike parking with a secure lock in-place location within the building confines versus exterior limited entrance parking.

The merits to support this request include the following:

- Brock St. South was identified as a key future corridor within the Town of Whitby Active Transportation Plan to include an MUP supporting cyclists and pedestrians.
  - Note: The Town of Whitby funded an MUP on the newly constructed Brock St bridge crossing over Highway #401 in support of this future cycling route.
- The Region of Durham also identifies this location within the recently approved Durham Active Transportation Plan as a key cycling corridor.
- Durham Region has included this site within the Major Transit Station Areas zone which discourages single use vehicle usage and encourages cycling.
- New residential developments taking a “Complete Streets” design approach which supports an all users, all abilities, all ages neighbourhood.



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- Future project site residents will have safe cycling connectivity to the Whitby Waterfront, Downtown Whitby, Whitby Go Station and more.
- Supporting the Town of Whitby Green Standard thus encouraging a healthy life style alternative across the community with a leading by example site plan.

In closing, on behalf of DRCC and the cycling community, thank you for taking time to consider our submission.

As safe cycling advocates and community partners, we are optimistic that our suggestions will be considered to have merit for implementation as this application process unfolds.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ron Lalonde".

Ron Lalonde

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