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Town of Whitby
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Via E-Mail

April 28, 2023

RE: Public Meeting May 31, 2021 Report PL 29-21

Dear Commissioner Saunders,

Referencing attachment # 1, Durham Region Cycling Coalition submitted a written response to the above noted planning meeting - now approved – regarding the Anderson St. N. proposal.

Specific to attachment #1, our comments included the request for added cycling safety and awareness as this project proceeded given this street is a primary cycling corridor identified in the Whitby Active Transportation Plan.

Further to this, drawing from our internal STRAVA data base, we know this route is heavily used by the cycling community with a user rate in excess of 10,000 cycle trips for year 2022.

Unfortunately, it would appear our recommendations have not been taken into consideration given the current conditions at this location on Anderson St. N.

Reference attached photos.

Over the last two weeks, with work recommencing, the “Rural Paved Shoulder – Signed Bike Route” is no longer safe forcing cyclists to transition out into a live vehicle traffic lane.

With cycling safety being our number one concern, we are now asking how our recommendations put forward in 2021 were taken into consideration during the approval process?



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Given the unacceptable conditions as a result of this new home developer having no regard for community safety, our request is for Town of Whitby to take immediate action to ensure Anderson St. N. remains a safe cycling corridor through-out the entire construction period.

With cyclist being vulnerable road users, we look forward to seeing The Town of Whitby acting as soon as possible on our original recommendations.

Should clarification be required, we are happy to meet on site to review the safety concerns identified.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron Lalonde".

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c.c. Elizabeth Roy, Mayor, Town of Whitby
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Anderson Street Rural Paved Shoulder- Signed Cycle Route

April 21, 2023



April 27, 2023





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Attachment #1

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 -29-21 (Conland Development Corporation. File No. DEV-13-21 (SW-2021-03, Z-08-21)

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 is very pleased to see the applicant has included under attachment # 4 an Active Transportation Map which includes the addition of numerous Multi Use Pathways (MUP).

We would also ask that the following be taken into consideration as this project moves forward.

Anderson Street.

Currently, Anderson St. serves as a primary north / south cycling utilized by road cyclists connecting from South Whitby to Brooklin and beyond.

- Upgrade Anderson St. from an existing on-road identified "Cycle Route" with paved shoulder to a fully protected "Cycle Lane" with "No Parking" restrictions prior to the development start date.



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- Maintain a clean safe cycling road surface across the section of roadway during all phases of construction.
- Ensure clear site lines supporting cycling awareness is in place as construction activity enters and exits the proposed work site.

Mid Block Arterial Road A

- Noting attachment #4 includes an MUP, we would ask for on road cycling support in the form of an identified and protected on road Bike Lane to be added to this new road.
 - By adding this simple low-cost improvement, all cyclist will be fully supported versus the present proposal which only supports one segment of the cycling community.

Hydro One Corridor North / South MUP eastern site limit.

- Add an identified connection from this MUP into the proposed new school site located adjacent to the MUP
- Ensure this new MUP has a connection to the future Durham Meadoway.
 - Located adjacent to the northern limit of the site development utilizing the existing east / west Hydro One Gatineau corridor once completed.

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,

Ron Lalonde

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