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Subject: Presentation to LaSalle Council October 22, 2019 re Broderick Rd. Pedestrian Safety

Good evening Mayor Bondy, Town Council, Mr. Marra, Mr. Silani, friends and neighbours.

We're Pat and Ron Hutz, and we have lived at 7410 Broderick Rd. for about 45 years.

We've come to ask council to include funds for pedestrian safety on Broderick Rd., at the corner of Huron Line, in the upcoming 2020 budget.

Pedestrians are trying to access the trail on Huron Line, which ends abruptly at the corner of Broderick. The shoulder of the road on Broderick is narrow, with only a foot or so of gravel.

Traffic making a right turn onto Broderick from Huron Line does not need to slow down, as there is only a gradual curve in the road, and the speed limit is 60 km on both roads. Traffic is quite heavy on Broderick.

Since June of this year, we have been in touch with Mr. Marra regarding our concerns about this short stretch of road. We see people walking there daily in unsafe conditions. Sometimes they walk on the white line, sometimes on the narrow shoulder, sometimes right on the roadway, and sometimes in the dark.

Pedestrians could walk on the sidewalk of St. Francis to access the trail. But they don't, probably because that's a 1.7 km walk. They choose to take the much shorter walk along Broderick.

It's been explained that Broderick may, in the distant future, be repaved and the intersection reconfigured. But we need the town to do something now, because it is only a matter of time till a pedestrian is hit. We have just been lucky so far.

As taxpayers, we want the town to be proactive regarding pedestrian safety rather than have a lawsuit for serious injury or death.

We are asking that the town install a trail on the west side of Broderick, from the corner of Huron Line, at least to the corner of St. Francis St. as soon as possible. The distance is approximately 250 m. or 273 yards. To fill in the ditch will be expensive, but lives have no price.

Please trim the weeds for about 40 feet along the fence line at the corner so that pedestrians and drivers can see each other. Sightlines are poor, despite the ditch having been trimmed, because the phragmites along the fence have not been cut. We think that every intersection must be evaluated individually regarding weed trimming, and this one is unique.

Please consider adding a few lights on this dark section of Broderick.

Please add white lines at the corner to clearly identify pedestrian and vehicle space.

We have brought a few photos to help clarify the issue:

- map showing the gradual curve at this intersection and the length of St. Francis St.
- students walking the narrow shoulder, with traffic pulling over to avoid oncoming traffic
- pedestrians walking on the road, unaware of potential oncoming traffic. Note the newly erected sign, Watch for Pedestrians, facing them
- phragmites along the fence line obstructing vision of drivers on Huron Line
- photo showing walking space on the road shoulder of Broderick
- pavement at the intersection, needing lines to indicate safe walking space

For us to come before council, please understand that we are seriously concerned.

Thank you for your attention.

We would be happy to answer any questions.





