



Board of Directors Meeting

Addendum

Thursday, July 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

This meeting will be held by WebEx videoconference.

**The meeting can be viewed live on HCA's You Tube Channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/user/HamiltonConservation>**

7. Consent Items for Applications, Minutes and Correspondence

- 7.12 Email from Heather Campbell regarding Pedestrian Safety – Fifty Point Conservation Area, dated July 4, 2021

From: [Heather Campbell Pope](#)
To: [Jaime Tellier](#)
Cc: maria.pearson@hamilton.ca
Subject: Pedestrian Safety - Fifty Point Conservation Area
Date: July 4, 2021 12:13:13 PM

Dear HCA Board Members:

My family lives across the street from the Fifty Point Conservation Area entrance off Baseline Rd. We have an annual pass that we use almost every day; we enter the park by foot, with our baby in the stroller - as several other families do too.

I am writing to raise our concerns about pedestrian safety, particularly around the entrance/exit. Safety is especially an issue on weekends, though weekdays are treacherous too.

From the road, there is no walkway lane or entrance/exit gate for walkers. We must walk on the road with the busy traffic (including trailers/boats) and use the car gates. There is also no walkway to get across to the path (by the pond); we must still use the road (and then over the grass to get to the path). The same problems arise upon exit. I recommend special lanes for walkers to safely enter and exit Baseline, go through the gates and get to the path.

On weekends, the traffic on Baseline is backed up to Glendaring Cres. or sometimes Raintree Dr. This makes it very dangerous to cross Baseline, for either a walk at the Conservation Park or a walk down Lockport Way to Lake Point Park. With a stroller (or small children generally), it is especially unsafe. Visibility of oncoming traffic, and cars trying to bypass the line-up, is very limited. There are likely a few solutions to ease the traffic, such as increasing the number of gates for day-pass cars to enter the Conservation Park. There are two member lanes, but it seems --especially on weekends, most cars are lining up for the day-pass lane.

Inside the park, pedestrian safety is also at risk. For example, the large dirt/gravel lot and overflow parking lot on the grass converges the pedestrian path and the road into one; cars are driving on the path, where people are walking, both understandably thinking that it is either a walking path or road. If you want to stay on the walking path, there is no way to avoid going through the dangerous parking lot and then walk on the merged path/parking lot road. By the marina, the accessibility hill comes right out onto the road, with no signage (there is signage down the road for the steps).

In this area, walking with a stroller (and soon a little walking toddler) is very nerve-wracking. I appreciate if you might consider addressing pedestrian safety in and around the Fifty Point Conservation Area.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Heather Campbell

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