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Subject: Birchview Road Feasibility Study

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Ms. McMillan:

Thank you for explaining how I can submit a comment to the upcoming Council meeting next week. As you can see, I am also forwarding this note to the BPOA in the interests of transparency.

Birchview Feasibility Study

This note is in regards to the request by the Birchview Property Owners Association (BPOA) to initiate a feasibility study into construction of a sidewalk or pedestrian trail on Birchview Road.

I am a member of the BPOA and support many things they do. This is not one of them.

**It's true that speed is an issue on Birchview. But that's true for most roads in the township, including the provincial highways. And it's also true that there is some** pedestrian traffic, including myself when I go to pick up the mail. But overall the volume of that pedestrian traffic is very low in the summer and practically non-existent in the winter.

As a result, this seems like an initiative that may benefit a few but will certainly cost many.

Surely the township has better things to do with its scarce time and resources that will benefit many more residents, not just those who have been lucky enough to afford a property along the lake.

I was informed about the recent BPOA Annual meeting where I understand this was discussed but could not attend. That said, I can assure the township that while a majority of the BPOA may support such an initiative that support is not unanimous. Nor has there been input from the non-BPOA members that reside on Birchview, as far as I am aware.

I trust that the council will take this into account when deciding whether or not to proceed with the study.

Thank you for taking the time to read this input.

Colin Tener