



July 15, 2013

Mayor Jim Watson & Members of Council
City of Ottawa
110 Laurier Ave
Ottawa, ON K1P 1J1

Via e-mail.

Re: Main Street Renewal Project (Council Agenda Item 18)

Mayor Watson & Councillors,

Walk Ottawa is a group of citizen volunteers who contribute their time, talent, and resources to promote walkability and advance the interests of pedestrians in Ottawa.

We are writing to you to express our strong support for the "Complete Street" redevelopment proposal for Main Street as approved by Transportation Committee that you will be considering at Wednesday's meeting of Council.

We at Walk Ottawa believe that the Complete Streets approach is a vital tool for building more inclusive neighbourhoods and communities by re-balancing our streets to improve safety and connectivity for all users, including pedestrians.

At our most recent meeting, representatives from the Main Street community shared their perspectives on this reconstruction project and Walk Ottawa members unanimously approved a motion in favour of "Option 5" for Main Street.

We urge you and your Council colleagues to support this as well.

Sincerely,

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