

October 29, 2015

Erin O'Connell, Planner
City of Ottawa
110 Laurier Ave W
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Re: Trinity's Proposal to Open Chapel-Beausoleil Intersection

Dear Erin,

We would like to thank you for hosting the Oct 1 meeting where we had the opportunity to meet and discuss the proposed opening of the Chapel-Beausoleil intersection with the proponent, the Traffic consultant, City Staff, and other community representatives. It was useful for clarifying the proposed plan for facilitating truck access to this site and of some of the alternatives that have been considered.

Our main concerns to continue to lie with how a proposed opening of the Chapel-Beausoleil intersection would lead to increased cut-through of traffic seeking to access the Macdonald-Cartier bridge both through Sandy Hill as well as through Lowertown East. In particular we continue to maintain that the traffic consultant has failed to provide an accurate assessment of the volumes of traffic that would proceed through this intersection should it be opened to cars and trucks.

We have observed that over half of traffic currently on Chapel St in Sandy Hill in the PM peak is Quebec plated traffic heading back towards Quebec. Much of this traffic would find an opened Chapel-Beausoleil intersection as an attractive route to the Macdonald-Cartier bridge. In the study the consultant has made no attempt to quantify this. Similarly, the consultant did not consider the traffic on Nelson the only other street opened to the north of Rideau St (Nelson) St. This street currently carries a volume of traffic many times higher than what the consultant predicts for Chapel-Beausoleil and over 50% of this is Quebec plated traffic. Some of this traffic also would find an opened Chapel-Beausoleil intersection an attractive route.

It is our view then that the resultant cut-through traffic volumes through the Chapel-Beausoleil intersection and along Beausoleil drive would greatly exceed the actual site generated traffic that the consultant has estimated as would use this intersection.

As you are aware the route through this intersection and on Beausoleil drive is used by a high proportion of children accessing any of the three schools and the community centre in Lowertown East. It is our opinion that the potential for this level of increased cut-through traffic along this route is not acceptable just in order to slightly improve the traffic accessibility for the proposed commercial uses located at this development. Similarly we are concerned with the proposal to open up this intersection in order to facilitate the turning movement of large tractor trailer trucks at this location. Inviting large tractor trailer trucks to make tight turns at pedestrian oriented intersections in proximity with schools just does not seem like a good idea.

We continue to be of the opinion that options are available which will provide acceptable vehicle access to this site and which would be more appropriate than the proposed opening of the Chapel-Beausoleil intersection.

Best regards,

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President, ASH

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