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To The Honourable Members of Tillsonburg Town Council

Our names are Rosanne Fillion and Ashley Perry, and we are writing to you today to ask for your support in approaching Oxford County regarding the installation of a crosswalk at the intersection of Tillson Ave. and Fourth St. We recognize that the installation of a crosswalk on Tillson Ave. would fall under the County of Oxford's purview.

Rosanne is the proprietor of an in-home day care located on Rodgers St. and Ashley is the mother of two young children living on Barker St., both on the east side of Tillson Ave., making this issue personal to us. We, and many others we have spoken to in our growing neighbourhood, have experienced the increasing difficulty of crossing at that intersection.

Ashley has on multiple occasions experienced the difficulty of crossing Tillson Ave. at Fourth St. Most recently, while walking with her family to the Canada Day Fireworks, a motorist travelling south on Tillson Ave. drove aggressively towards her and her family as they crossed the street.

Fourth St. is not only used by motorists; it is also used by pedestrians and cyclists to access downtown, Lake Lisgar Waterpark and play ground, the trail system, fairgrounds, Memorial Park and the bandstand, as well as families crossing to take their children to schools. Accessing these town amenities should be able to be done in a safe and convenient manner.

When there was construction happening on North St. between Broadway St. and Tillson Ave., many motorists discovered the convenience of entering Tillsonburg from the north on Cranberry Line/Tillson Ave. This added to the existing traffic from the 21 feeder streets, 47 businesses, and 2 elementary schools that connect to Tillson Ave. in the 1.6 km between North St. and Concession St.

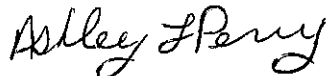
We strongly believe that the installation of a crosswalk at the intersection of Tillson Ave. and Fourth St. would be a benefit to the people of Tillsonburg. We believe that Tillsonburg Town Council has a responsibility to the residents of Tillsonburg, especially those residents directly affected by this issue, to approach Oxford County and work together to provide a safer travelling corridor for pedestrians and cyclists, as well as motorists.

We would like to thank you for your time in reviewing this letter and investigating this matter.

Sincerely,



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