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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Blackfriars Bridge - Councillor McAlister an epic betrayal of the public process -

Importance: High

Please place my letter on the Council agenda

Dear Neighbour and Members of Council,

A public meeting was held on June 13, 2023 to recommend whether to keep Blackfriars Bridge open to one way traffic (statues quo), close it to traffic completely or close it to traffic from May 1 to Oct. 31. I believe the staff recommendation was to close the bridge from May 1 to Oct.31 beginning in 2024.

There were many residents that spoke at the meeting. Some had concerns about people congregating on the bridge at night with no cars, but many more asked that the bridge be closed to traffic for a wide spectrum of reasons ranging from climate change concerns, to cars racing down Blackfriars street and onto the bridge, the demise of the bridge from the weight of motor vehicles to safety concerns for pedestrians and cyclists.

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