

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Friars Way Sidewalks and Trees

Hello,

I am one of the people who live on Friars Way and am concerned about the plan to cut down the stately trees in order to build sidewalks. I am growing concerned that everyone thinks that there cannot be a win-win solution. I moved here from Ottawa one year ago and believe that there are many solutions that can solve the dilemma.

I believe that we need people to think outside the box. It does not have to be trees vs sidewalk.

Why can't we have sidewalks and trees?

In Ottawa, a number of strategies have been used to expand bike lanes and walkways without intruding on grassy areas or cutting down trees. etc.

Here are a few that I saw while there:

- Reduce parking to one side of the road
- Reduce road width with some traffic calming techniques to make the community more walkable
- Make roads one way
- Have winding sidewalks which look interesting and leave the trees intact (benches add interest and provide spots for handicapped or elderly to stop)

I am confident that if city planners were allowed to think creatively there is a solution for everyone.

Please encourage everyone to stop thinking in a binary fashion. Let's all win.

Regards  
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