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Sent: Wednesday, July 17, 2019 1:13 PM
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Subject: Extremely Dangerous Hwy. Crossing!

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Dear Mayor Soever,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me last week.

As discussed, where the Georgian Trail crosses Hwy #26 just east of Thornbury is a death and disaster just waiting to happen. It's not "IF", it's "WHEN" !

Having grown up weekends in the area and now being a permanent resident, I want to contribute to my community and it's safety. As an avid serious bike rider I am particularly attuned to these issues.

The above mentioned crossing is at a major hwy with cars and trucks averaging 80+km/hour. Other than a hikers sign about 100metres from the crossing (who knows what that means to a driver?) for West bound traffic (I didn't see one for East bound traffic) there is no warning of any kind that cyclist and or pedestrians are likely to be on the road.

The crossing is in the middle of a "blind" S turn limiting early visibility for drivers and furthermore is on a diagonal, rather than straight across the road, extending the time required to be directly on this major thoroughfare.

Attached is a letter I received from Reg Russwurm back in May 2017, who was in your offices addressing this issue and the proposed solution of extending the trail along the south side of the hwy 26 to Grey Road 4 and installing a much needed traffic light. This would be a terrific solution (especially if you closed off and eliminated the trail on the north side where it meets the hwy preventing further use).

I appreciate much is involved to get this done but I can only think of a young child crossing with their family or an inexperienced rider not timing the crossing correctly resulting in death and or very serious injuries and the lawsuits against all levels of governments that would follow.

In the meantime let's push to install in both directions the new solar powered speed control signs and adapt them to state that there is a crossing ahead. Plus regular signage both before and at the crossing and perhaps even painted markings on the hwy itself.

Although there is less traffic, there is a similar situation where the Trail crosses Grey Road 21 near the Stables just south of Hwy 26.

As mentioned, I ride extensively and often from Craigeleith to Creemore along Nottawasaga CON 6 (what riders refer to as the river road) and am dumbfounded why there is only 3 way stop and not a 4 way where it meets 15/16 Side Road coming out of Glen Huron. I can't tell you how often riders are faced with drivers going through the intersection and turning at very high speeds oblivious the cycle and car traffic.

Finally, of equal, if not greater importance, is the condition of Grey Road 19 from the traffic circle at the south end of Blue Mountain towards the intersection of Tee's Please and where it turns southbound to Osler Ski Club. The pavement is in terrible condition, especially at the edges and there is no shoulder whatsoever. This is one of the major routes for cyclists out of Blue Mountain wanting to reach areas further south and on top of the escarpment. Repaving and providing adequate shoulders should be a major priority!

I appreciate you encouraging me to present my concerns and would ask that you pass these on as listed above to the various appropriate government and road safety individuals and departments.

I am happy to discuss and meet with any of them to assist in making our community and my neighbours safer.

Thank You. Take care.

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From: Reg Russwurm <[REDACTED]@thebluemountains.ca>
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Peter,

Further to our recent conversation, I am providing a link to the final report for the completed Environmental Assessment that included the re-alignment of the Georgian Trail (see Figure 2, page 16).

http://www.thebluemountains.ca/public_docs/documents/300032092-PFR-EA-Summary-signed-FINAL.pdf

The trail crossing has been identified as a safety concern for many years. With this EA completed the Town can proceed to coordinate the trail relocation with the MTO. I have cc'd Shawn Everitt, Director of Community Services, on this email because the Georgian Trail falls under his authority. Shawn and I have spoken about bringing a capital project to Council during this budget cycle. That's not to say any works will happen in 2018, but that monies may be allocated within our five year capital budget.

I have also cc'd Zsolt Katzirz (Corridor Management Planner for the MTO) because he has been MTO's representative on the EA. You had concerns around the speed limit and trail crossing signage. Zsolt may not be the right person to talk to about your concerns but he should be able to direct you to the person who can.

As you also requested, I've also provided a contact for the Grey County. Pat Hoy is the Director of Transportation.

Please let me know if you have any other questions or comments.

From: Heather Drane <[REDACTED]@thebluemountains.ca>
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Good morning Mr. Seligman

Thank you for your inquiry regarding construction on Hwy 26 between Thornbury and Collingwood.

For information concerning Hwy 26 construction, please contact IMOS 1-888-222-2640 or MTO [REDACTED]@ontario.ca

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