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Subject: New Response Completed for Council Delegation Request Form

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Hello,

Please note the following response to Council Delegation Request Form has been submitted at Monday March 18th 2024 12:04 PM with reference number 2024-03-18-003.

- Organization's Name (if applicable) Alliance360 (2010) Inc
- Name and Title of Primary Contact / Main Presenter Mike O'Bright
- Street Address
- <u>Daytime Contact Number</u>
- Email address
- Date you wish to present to Council 3/27/2024
- How would you like to attend the Council meeting? In-person
- If attending an in-person council meeting, do you or any members of your party require accessibility accommodations?
- Use the space below to clearly outline the purpose for your presentation to council. Provide a brief outline of your subject matter including your suggested outcome
 Since the Wilson Street reconstruction we had pedestrian crossing

"locator" audio installed. I call it Chirping. The chirping is 24/7. Volume is the same during the day as it is at night. My understanding is that the guidelines say we should only be able to hear the "locator" audio 12 feet away from the intersection. In my case I can hear it 50 feet away.

The guidelines i am referring to are AODA (Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act).

I have worked with Mr Noah Brister at Engineering and he has been as accommodating as possible. His challenge is that he has to work within the guidelines and the technology you are using - which cannot be lowered anymore in volume. I am told the volume is at its lowest setting. This does not help me as I am in an acoustic alley with sound reverberating off the church wall and bouncing to my residence. We need another solution to help the visually impaired at the Wilson / Peel intersection. The constant chirping interferes with my enjoyment of my property. It is also unsettling to hear the chirping in the middle of the night when it is very quiet at this corner and sound travels far more at night than in the day.

I have suggested options based on my research of how other cities deal with the situation.

St. Mary's has introduced Pedestrian Activated signal that are AODA compliant. Great read....

https://www.aoda.ca/new-pedestrian-activated-crossing-signals-provide-safe-passage-in-downtown-st-marys/

The City of Toronto uses Audible Signal Only on many busy corners. The attached picture is from Bay St/ Yorkville intersection. These Audible Signals can be found on numerous City of Toronto intersections.

Attached are pictures of the intersection to give you an idea of the scale and scope of the situation.

It's an interesting dilemma urban planners face. In many ways I am the victim of good intentions. I look forward to seeing how Oxford County takes the imitative and accommodate both sides - but not at the expense of each other.

- Will you be providing any electronic information (i.e. a presentation) beyond your summary above?
 Yes
- If YES, please upload here (Allowed extensions pdf, doc, docx,

xls, xlsx, jpg, jpeg, gif, png, tif)

- 1. Audible Option.png [117.2 KB]
- 2. Peel Street Crosswalk Locators.pdf [1.5 MB]
- Have you appeared before council to discuss the same topic in the past?

No

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