

June 27, 1996

J.P. Braaksma & Associates Ltd.
1101 Prince of Wales, Suite 285
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Dr. Braaksma:

This will confirm that the Elgin Area Business Association is opposed to the Centretown Traffic Calming Plan.

Yours truly,

ELGIN AREA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Per: _____
Brian William Karam, President

c.c. Preston Street BIA
Somerset Street BIA
Josh Moon, President Rideau BIA, by fax no. 241-3339
Phil Wasserman, President, By Ward Market BIA, by fax no. 560-6010
Ken Dale, Executive Director, Sparks Street, BIA, by fax no. 230-7671
Gerry LePage, Executive Director, Bank Street BIA, by fax no. 232-3372
Mayor Jacqueline Holzman, City of Ottawa, by fax no. 244-5379
Peter Clark, Regional Chair, RMOC, by fax no. 560-6010
William Bagnell, Ottawa Board of Trade, by fax no. 236-7498
Restore the Core

**Elgin
Area
Business
Association**

July 16th, 1996

The Manager
Research and Development
Licensing, Transportation & Parking Branch
City of Ottawa
111 Sussex Drive
Ottawa, Ontario
K1N 5A2

Attention: Ms. Martha Boyle

Dear Sirs:

Re: Central Area Traffic Calming Report

The Elgin Area Business Association, does not support the Central Area Traffic Calming Report (CATCR) and, in particular, objects to those portions of the report relating to regional roads and notably Elgin Street. Please keep us informed of any further developments relating to the CATCR.

Yours truly,

ELGIN AREA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

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Mr. Jim Hill, Ottawa Tourism & Convention Authority, by fax no. 237-7339
Mr. Edgar Mitchell, Somerset Village BIA, by fax no. 236-1943
Ms. G. Toop, Manager, Somerset Heights BIA, by fax no. 230-8261
Mr. Mario Giannetti, Preston Street BIA, by fax no. 230-6804
Mr. Moe Boushey
Mr. Alfred H. Friedman

**Elgin
Area
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Association**

July 24th, 1996

Elgin Street Property Owners

Dear Fellow Property Owners:

Re: Traffic Calming: Elgin Planning Study

There are two major issues relating to Elgin Street which require immediate attention:

- The City of Ottawa Traffic Calming Plan.
- The Elgin Street Planning Study.

Clearly, traffic does not need to be calmed on Elgin. The Plan affects the whole of downtown and, in particular, Elgin. All downtown BIA's have indicated their opposition, except as the Plan relates to wholly residential streets. In summary, there will be all day parking on both sides of Elgin which on its own is acceptable but if the parking restrictions at peak hours are lifted it is also proposed that the sidewalks on Elgin will be widened which will reduce the width of Elgin by approximately two metres. The result will be only two lanes of moving traffic with buses stopping traffic as they stop. There will also be a raised intersection at Gladstone and Elgin. There will be speed humps on all streets crossing Elgin and there will be five raised intersections on Cartier and three raised intersections on Metcalfe. The Consultant, when asked what happens to downtown traffic as a result of traffic calming measures, stated that traffic simply disappears in that individuals choose not to drive downtown.

If you believe that the vibrance of Elgin is wholly from the surrounding neighbourhood the Plan is a good Plan. If you believe that Elgin is a gathering place for people from across the Region who drive to Elgin, the Plan will take Elgin almost to where Rideau and Sparks are today. I believe that the latter is the case. In order to oppose the Plan but support no parking restrictions during peak hours, we must as a group join with the downtown BIA's and contact members of Ottawa and Regional Councils and let our opposition be known. Elgin is a Regional Road and therefore the Region will have a role in the decision making.

Elgin Street Planning Study

A group is studying Elgin which group is alleged to involve area residents, property owners, business and business interests. The group will no doubt propose a BIA for Elgin. I have been opposed to a BIA for several years because in the end result the BIA Board is appointed by the City and the City representative is a member of the BIA and there is a mandatory tax levy for funding. The result of the group's deliberations will be to propose zoning


whereby Elgin will become a neighbourhood rather than a commercial type street through zoning restrictions which will result in Official Plan and Zoning amendments. The two property owners who are members of the group are Messrs. Cwinn and Evenchick who do not operate businesses on Elgin. There are also four business operators, two members of the Centretown Citizens Association and three members from the adjacent residential area and two from Development and Housing of the City and the Ward Councillor. In my view, the property owners along Elgin should elect two representatives and the Businesses along Elgin should elect four representatives and there should be four residents at large who reside on Elgin and there should be one representative of the Centretown Citizens Association and the Ward Councillor. The two representatives of the City should be ex officio and non-voting members. We must let Ottawa City Council know that if there is to be an Elgin Street Planning Study it is our view that the makeup of the Group, if the Group is to be representative, should be as indicated. I enclose a copy of my letter of December 6th, 1995 to Mayor Holzman concerning this matter.

There are also a number of other issues which warrant attention such as the general revision of the City of Ottawa Zoning By-Law and how it affects Elgin, proposals for temporary parking lots in the downtown area, courtesy ticketing and the new Signs By-Law. As well, we should establish a formal link with downtown BIA's and the Ottawa Board of Trade.

It has been advised by many that the Elgin Area Business Association, which is comprised both of business owners and property owners, have a more active and formal role. I believe same to be sound advice. To date the Elgin Area Property Owners Association and the Elgin Area Business Association have existed concurrently with the Elgin Area Business Association as the spokesman for the two. I believe that each should exist concurrently and all property owners should join and be active in the Elgin Area Business Association. This is particularly true because many of the property owners along Elgin as well operate their own businesses.

We have scheduled a meeting of the Elgin Area Property Owners Association for Wednesday, July 31st, 1996 at 9:00 a.m. at The Business Inn, 180 MacLaren Street, Room 502. We trust that you will attend to discuss these very significant issues. We welcome any questions or comments which you may have.

Yours truly,



Brian William Karam

BWK/dp

**Elgin
Area
Business
Association**

December 6, 1995

Her Worship Jacqueline Holzman
Mayor of the City of Ottawa
and Ottawa City Council Members

Your Worship:
Dear Councillors:

RE: Proposed Elgin Street Planning Study

We enclose a recent Memorandum to the Planning and Economic Development Committee concerning the proposed Elgin Street Planning Study. It is the consensus of Elgin Street property owners and business operators that a Planning Study in relation to Elgin Street is **not necessary**.

We believe that the fact that commercial aspects of Elgin Street are District or Regional in nature does not mean that they are not as well local in nature - **one is not mutually exclusive of the other**. In fact, aside from a hardware store which is lacking due to the recent closure of the Home Hardware every local or neighbourhood requirement is served by the various tenancies on Elgin Street. As it happens however stores such as Boushey's or Nutri-Chem Pharmacy not only serve local needs but attract Regional customers. The Draft Terms of Reference conclude that the uses along Elgin Street do not serve predominately a local commercial function and we do not agree.

As well, the vitality of Elgin Street is not eroding and there is not a sense of uncertainty in the Elgin area. The best way to preserve the economic vitality of Elgin Street is to **preserve the status quo** which would be cost effective for both the City of Ottawa and the Elgin Area Business Association. We respectfully ask that you not support the proposed Elgin Street Planning Study. Thank you for your anticipated co-operation.

Yours truly,

Elgin Area Business Association



Per: Brian William Karam
President

BWK/mct

**RESOLUTION OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ELGIN AREA BUSINESS
ASSOCIATION**

RESOLVED THAT:

The Elgin Area Business Association make its opposition to the centretown traffic calming plan known to the Ottawa area BIA's and the City of Ottawa.

Dated this 25th day of June, 1996.

Brian William Karam, President

Charles Boushey, Vice President

Alfred H. Friedman, Vice President

Ernest Goldstein, Vice President

DOWNTOWN RIDEAU BOARD OF MANAGEMENT



July 15, 1996

Ms. Martha Boyle
 Manager
 Research and Development
 Licensing, Transportation and Parking Branch
 City of Ottawa
 111 Sussex Drive
 Ottawa, ON, K1N 5A1

SUBJECT: CENTRAL AREA TRAFFIC CALMING REPORT

Dear Martha:

At the June 19, 1996, meeting of the Downtown Rideau Board of Management of the Rideau Street Business Improvement Area (BIA), the board formed a position concerning support of the Central Area Traffic Calming Report (CATCR) and subsequent plans. Following is the motion concerning the Rideau BIA's position with respect to the CATCR:

MOTION: To support the Central Area Traffic Calming Report (CATCR) in connection with residential streets but to express objection to changes to regional roads. Said objections to be sent to the Sparks and Bank Streets BIAs, the Elgin Street Merchants Association, the Ottawa-Carleton Board of Trade and the Ottawa Tourism and Convention Authority, **moved by:** A. Friedman, **seconded by:** D. Dillabough, **abstained:** Councillor Emard-Chabot. **-CARRIED-**

We would appreciate you keeping us abreast of developments concerning the CATCR recommendations and actions.

Sincerely,

DOWNTOWN RIDEAU BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Peggy DuCharme
 Executive Director

cc: Councillor Stephane Emard-Chabot
 Councillor Madeleine Meilleur

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