

Petition

The Municipality of Lakeshore received the following petition on September 23, 2024:

“We, the undersigned residents of Comber, ON, respectfully submit this petition in opposition to the proposed installation of sidewalks along County Road 46. While we understand the intent behind this proposal may be to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility, we believe the installation of sidewalks on this busy county road is not in the best interest of the community for the following reasons:

1. Safety Concerns:

- **County Road 46 is a heavily trafficked thoroughfare with high-speed vehicles including commercial trucks. Installing sidewalks along this road could actually increase the risk of accidents involving pedestrians, as the road’s current design and traffic patterns are not conducive to safe pedestrian movement.**
- **There is a significant lack of infrastructure, such as traffic calming measures, crosswalks, or appropriate lighting, that would be necessary to ensure the safety of pedestrians if sidewalks were installed.**

2. Cost and Resource Allocation:

- **The cost of installing and maintaining sidewalks along this road would be substantial. We believe these funds could be better allocated to other infrastructure projects that directly benefit the community, such as improving road conditions, adding street lighting, or enhancing public transportation.**
- **There are already existing or alternative pedestrian routes in the area that provide safer walking paths, making the addition of sidewalks on this busy road redundant and wasteful.**

3. Environmental and Aesthetic Concerns:

- **The installation of sidewalks would require the removal of trees, natural green spaces, and possibly even private property, altering the natural beauty of our community.**
- **The construction necessary to install sidewalks could lead to environmental degradation, including erosion, runoff, and the disruption of local wildlife habitats.**

4. Impact on Property Owners:

- **The proposed sidewalks may encroach on private properties, reducing yard space and negatively impacting the aesthetic appeal and value of homes along County Road 46.**



- **Some property owners may also face increased liability concerns, as sidewalks adjacent to their property could lead to accidents or injuries for which they may be held responsible.**

5. Limited Pedestrian Traffic:

- **There is limited pedestrian traffic on County Road 46, and we believe the demand for sidewalks in this area does not justify the costs or potential risks associated with their installation.**

Conclusion:

For these reasons, we strongly urge the Municipality of Lakeshore to reconsider the proposed sidewalk installation along County Road 46. We request that alternative solutions be explored to address pedestrian safety and that any further developments be made with significant input from the local community.

We, the undersigned, thank you for your attention to this matter and trust that our concerns will be given due consideration.”

The petition included approximately 19 signatures.