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Good day Mr. Hutson

I received a copy of the E-Mail sent to you by my neighbour, John Peters. Also, thank you for cc'ing me on your response to him.

Below you will find a copy of the E-Mail I had also sent to Mr. Giesen expressing my thoughts on this matter a few days ago. I was hoping you could include this as part of the submission to Council, along with my neighbour John Peters submission.

Thanks kindly

George & Jane McGowan

[REDACTED], Delaware

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**Date:** Mon, 27 Mar 2023 17:36:22 -0400

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Andrew Giesen, Transportation Manager, Public Works & Engineering Department

Earlier today, I was talking to Councillor Frank Berze concerning that portion of the sidewalk being proposed along Atkinson Court in Delaware. At his advise, and due to the need for urgency on this matter, I am sending directly to you.

My wife Jane and I live at [REDACTED] Atkinson Court. My neighbour [REDACTED] lives at [REDACTED] Atkinson Court. We both have concerns about how this affects our properties and also the affect it will have along Millcreek Lane. So at this point we oppose the proposal for sidewalks on this portion of roadway. We have no issues concerning other streets at this time.

These are some of our concerns.

1. Is the sidewalk intended to attach to, or very closely located to the curb? Or is it intended to be offset closer to the property lines? The scale of the map provided, is too small to

determine exactly where the sidewalk is going to be located.

2. We moved into [REDACTED] Atkinson Court in late [REDACTED]. Much of this Pittao developed subdivision was complete. My understanding was that the developer was to include sidewalks. When it came time to complete this work, residents did not want sidewalks. I believe this was taken up with the Municipal Council of the day, who advised that the sidewalks would be installed unless all residents objected. Indeed, all did object and that is why sidewalks were not installed. Unlike today, that is when a lot of the families on Atkinson Court did have young children.

3. There are very few, if any young children who would benefit from this particular sidewalk location. I would support sidewalks where they are needed. I would choose to save tax dollars where they are not.

4- There is a shortage of convenient parking for those transporting and using the soccer fields, baseball fields, as well as roller blade rink and skateboard park adjacent to Atkinson/Millcreek. Presently vehicles pull over the curb and park on the grass at this location. With sidewalks, they would then be parking and un-parking either on this proposed sidewalk, OR they will be pulling over it further into the field and backing out over the sidewalk. I expect this would increase the problem. In addition, this past soccer season, parking occurred well around both curves on Atkinson Court. There is a very large shortage of vehicle parking, particularly relating to soccer evenings.

5. My neighbour [REDACTED], is also concerned about bringing the few people that would use this sidewalk closer to his back yard privacy fence for his pool. If there was really a good reason, I expect he might understand the greater need if there was much more foot traffic, but we know that is not the case.

I need to get this off ASAP, so I will have to cut it short.

Councillor Frank Berze was kind enough to give me your address and he has agreed to meet with myself and my neighbour, [REDACTED] soon to discuss this matter.

Thanks kindly

George McGowan