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RE: Response to Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the letter from Dr. Goddard-Hill on bicycle lanes in Belleville, published recently in the Belleville Intelligencer. My purpose in writing is to clarify the position of Hastings Prince Edward Public Health (HPEPH) on the issue of bicycle lanes, and our support for the work of the municipalities with whom we collaborate on this important issue in active transportation.

As your readers are likely aware, HPEPH has worked with Belleville and Quinte West to develop plans for the transportation system, so that residents have access to dedicated bicycle lanes.

The development of dedicated bicycle lanes is critically important in providing options for active transportation for the residents of this area. While the municipalities have primary responsibility for the plans for transportation, HPEPH has collaborated from the start with our municipal partners. We have unequivocally supported their work and initiatives to implement this important measure for the health of the public, and we continue to do so without reservation.

The development of public policy measures that help the public to maintain and improve their health is a top priority for this agency, and we strongly endorse the initiatives of our municipal partners on this and other policy issues.

Sincerely,

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