July 10, 2025

Re: IE 23.4

Dear Chair and councillors,

My comments today are on the job description for the position of Congestion Officer. We know that construction is a huge cause of congestion. Another major cause is too many cars. We would like to suggest that the officer be asked to keep in mind and make recommendations relevant to the promotion of walking, cycling and transit as ways to ease congestion, as well as to achieve the city's 2030 target of shifting 75% of short trips, under 5 km, to active transportation. Shifting commuting patterns from cars to transit, walking or cycling, or a combination, will greatly ease congestion and help the city reach the emissions reduction target of 65% below 1990 by 2030. This involves a 20% reduction in emissions, from the approximately 45% reduction which is our 2025 target, and will require real changes to achieve.

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