

Renewing the Walkability of the Traynor-Vanier Neighbourhood



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Timeline (Part 1 of 2):



November 2013 - LRT works starts; closure of the Traynor Park and the Community Trail.

April 2014 - First communication from LRT and Hydro One to residents; construction fence was up and the first conversations started about the future crossing over LRT.

July 2016 - Permanent fence installed on the Traynor side of the tracks; Research finding regarding other similar long stretches along the LRT corridor that cuts through a residential and commercial area is that this is a unique portion of the LRT route. At the time, still no plans for a pedestrian crossing. Kitchener Ward Councillor advocates with the City of Kitchener Transportation Staff to do environmental assessment as they have already requested a pedestrian crossing which was denied by Grandlinq/Regional staff. Concerns remain the speed of the train, access to private land along the tracks, retrofitting the construction plan is expensive.

Timeline (Part 2 of 2)



- August 2016 - City of Kitchener initiates the study of the potential solutions.
- October 2016 - City of Kitchener meets with residents and the Social Development Centre Waterloo Region to plan for the public consultation regarding the study of potential options for the pedestrian crossing.
- January 2017 - Public consultation was held with the participation of both City of Kitchener and Region of Waterloo staff; Social Development Centre Waterloo Region and KW Tenant Group undertake door to door survey with the residents of Traynor-Vanier.
- October 2017 - The permanent fence on the Fairway side of the tracks is installed. Both City of Kitchener and Region of Waterloo say a pedestrian crossing is unlikely.

Links for further info:



[KW Tenant Group Letter to the Region of Waterloo Council](#), August 2016

[TriTag's Recommendation](#), August 2016

[Social Development Centre Waterloo Region Letter of Support](#), September 2016

[Petition with 490 signatures and many comments](#), October 2016

[Needs Assessment Community Engagement Summary](#), February 2017

[Traynor Fights for its Walkable Hood, James Howe](#), March 1, 2017

[Presentation at the Regional Council](#), October 2017