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I am writing to comment on the proposed rezoning of the Harbour Towers property.

I reside at suite 504 - 225 Bellville St. (Neighbourhood map provided below.) Despite this address, our driveway is, in effect, a continuation of Quebec St. It connects both the Laurel Point Apartments (some 120 units) and the Admiral Inn parking lot to the Belleville St. intersection --- in an alarming and rather dangerous fashion.

In contemplation of exiting at Belleville St., many neighbours nervously regard themselves as "accidents waiting to happen". A few of us are sometimes scared plain silly. The problem is that the Admiral Inn blocks our view of Belleville St. traffic from the left --- while it is necessary for a driver to to rotate his/her head some 160-170° to check for oncoming traffic from the right, since the intersection sits on a sharpish curve. After checking to the left, it is time to check to the right --- and this back and forth process often needs to be repeated several times before "taking a plunge" into the intersection. Difficulties are exacerbated by yet a fifth (Pendray) street exiting onto the same intersection.

Belleville is always a busy street with busy sidewalks, particularly in cruising and high tourist season, and many of our residents (including me) are somewhat older folk who are not as laterally dextrous and visually adept as once we were. Often we are not readily capable of rapid reaction to the last minute appearance of fast moving cars and bicycles, let alone sometimes unpredictable pedestrians.

The use of the Harbour Towers as a multi dwelling residence is bound to add to the traffic on Belleville St. I do not object to this contemplated change of use for the Harbour Towers if it provides needed permanent and affordable residences. But I am hopeful that City Council will take this opportunity to resolve a problem that has been overlooked in the past, most recently in approving the rezoning of the Admiral Inn property in order to enable still more multiple dwellings at the very same intersection.

With due respect to our busy Council, I believe that the time has come for City Council to take our distress call to heart and investigate our hazardous intersection. Otherwise, the approval of the rezoning request for the Harbour Towers property, potentially adding to existing traffic, may represent a sort of "last straw" --- a gratuitous nail in the coffin of some future motorist or pedestrian.

Thank you for your consideration.

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