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To: [council](#); [CouncilAgenda](#)
Subject: Transit Terminal location protest.
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Dear Mayor Brown and Members of Council,

The decision to locate the Transit Transfer Station in downtown Orangeville was made without any public engagement or consultation with downtown businesses or residents. The downtown location is not suitable for the transit station for the reasons outlined by the BIA. The original Edelbrock Centre design with a roadway from Dawson to Centre Street is a much better long-term solution by providing space for additional Orangeville Transit buses as more routes are added, would better accommodate buses from other public transit services, would provide better facilities and safer transfers for transit passengers, is a only a few hundred metres to the services offered at the Edelbrock Centre and/or the Westdale Mall, and is a short walk or very quick bus ride to Downtown. Grants from the Province of Ontario and Government of Canada will cover the cost of construction of the new terminal, so there will be little or no financial impact to Orangeville taxpayers. I am confident that the Town of Orangeville will find an alternate location for the Community Gardens and Orchard somewhere along a transit route to make them easily accessible for all.

From what I understand, Council appears to have chosen a small group of people and their vegetable garden over the wellbeing and safety of it's citizens. Frankly, I will not be surprised to hear of the first lawsuit against the Town of Orangeville when someone is seriously injured or killed due to the foolish location of this terminal. The Downtown core is a beautiful setting and becoming a location destination. Why ruin it with a bus terminal within it?

For these reasons I do not support Council's decision to locate the transit station downtown and respectfully request that Council consider the Edelbrock design and location as an alternative location.

Sincerely,

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