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Subject: Endorsements for Transit Transfer Station Relocation

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Attachments: endorsement signatures.pdf

Dear Mayor Brown & Members of Council,

On Friday, October 16th, a short canvas of businesses in the heritage core was conducted and the attached list of endorsements was gathered. Time constraints and safe Covid-19 business operating practices (ie. businesses closed to the public/open by appointment only/working from home) meant that every business could not be canvassed in person, but **EVERY** business owner or manager that was canvased signed the attached endorsement. Businesses/property owners (plus a few more that could not sign in person) feel so strongly about this issue that several went on to call or email Council members directly. These businesses and individuals oppose the downtown transit transfer station location and named the following reasons (in no particular order):

- 1. Safety concerns
- 2. Loss of public parking spaces and increased illegal parking
- 3. Increased congestion
- 4. Loss of the small-town charm that is so important in attracting visitors/customers These businesses also feel very strongly that the Edelbrock Centre offers a better longer term solution.

The Orangeville BIA respectfully requests Council take the attached endorsements under consideration as this document clearly illustrates that along with the Orangeville BIA, downtown businesses and property owners do not support a downtown transfer station.

Sincerely, Alison Scheel



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