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To Council,

We are a small business located Downtown Orangeville and we will be directly impacted on this quick and poorly planned out decision to put in a bus terminal directly in the Downtown Core.

Downtown Orangeville is a tourist destination and as such is a place where people come usually from the city for a peaceful drive, maybe stop for a bite to eat or a coffee and then explore the downtown shops.

As a small business downtown we market to those people from Toronto, Barrie, New Market and the surrounding areas. We rely on having parking spots for these customers. We rely on the visitors having a peaceful drive, a positive experience and for us to maintain our small town feel that has attracted tourists to our town for years.

As it is we are constantly getting complaints of having no parking. We lose sales and customers. We get calls from customers saying they can't find parking, winter is by far the worst. There is enough issues with emergency vehicles trying to get up and down Broadway why would make a difficult situation even worse by including buses? We **can not** afford to lose any more parking.

In 2015 The Canadian Geographic names Orangeville as the number 1 Great Place in Canada. Some of the key features they mentioned was the heart of Downtown consisted of busy shops, cafes and patios.

Directly from the website:

[http://greatplacesincanada.ca/gpic\\_places/broadway/](http://greatplacesincanada.ca/gpic_places/broadway/)

"To be great, a street must be a destination in its own right. Broadway fits the bill as an inviting place at the heart of Orangeville. Historic buildings, contextual redevelopment, and attention to the pedestrian experience combine in a unique place enjoyed daily by shoppers, workers and visitors alike. Institutional uses anchor the street and give it purpose, while restaurants, landscaping, and patios enable people to enjoy the space and enliven the street with activity. Festivals and events regularly invite people to experience the street, and contribute to Broadway's dynamic character. The jury was impressed by the central role Broadway plays in the community, along with the heritage character and streetscape design."

Im also surprised there isn't more of uproar with our fellow business owners in the food industry and the sound pollution that will be created, sabotaging patio dining.

My question to you as Council Members is that if the downtown core is the heart of Orangeville, and so many businesses rely on tourism traffic, why are you wanting to get rid of our small town feel? We have lost our police force, why are you trying to take away our downtown, our tourists and eventually our small stores?

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