



ACORN Mountain Chapter Statement on Mohawk Road Safety

When the Mountain Chapter of ACORN reorganized last October, we launched our first neighborhood campaign, recognizing long-standing safety concerns along Mohawk Road. For months, our members; seniors, families, people with disabilities, and transit users have shared just how dangerous and difficult it can be to cross or navigate this busy corridor.

Recognizing this, ACORN organized over 100 petition signatures, collected resident testimonies, compiled a report and met with the City's Traffic Department and the respective Ward Councillor. We walked the street and pointed out issues residents face daily: long gaps between crosswalks, missing pedestrian countdowns, high vehicle speeds, unsafe turning movements, and frequent jaywalking that happens simply because safe crossings are too far apart.

The tragic death of a crossing guard on Mohawk Road just last week has brought these safety concerns into even sharper focus. Our deepest sympathies with his family and friends during this difficult time. The incident reminds us why ACORN members began advocating for improvements to make the Mohawk road safer for everyone.

Following the incident, the councillor noted publicly that Mohawk Road is "a busy street" and referenced a recent safety meeting. In September, ACORN met with the councillor and the traffic department at Mohawk and Upper Wentworth intersection to share our observations and recommendations for improving safety on this very artery. Our members spoke directly with City staff, hoping to work together toward practical, collaborative solutions that make Mohawk Road safer for everyone who uses it.

Based on everything we heard from neighbours, observed during our on-site walk, and discussed at the on-site meeting, ACORN recommended practical steps, including:

- Add two crosswalks between Cardinal and Wentworth.
- Install additional crosswalks near schools and other high pedestrian areas.
- Introduce Leading Pedestrian Intervals (LPIs) at intersections.
- Add Pedestrian Countdown Timers at key crossings, especially Cardinal.
- Consider a red-light camera at Cardinal & Mohawk.
- Reduce the speed limit to 40 km/h near schools (at least during peak traffic hours).
- Add flashing lights near schools to slow down traffic during rush hours.
- Prohibit right turns on red at Upper Wellington & Mohawk.
- Explore traffic calming measures near Shoppers and senior-heavy zones.

ACORN appreciates the time and willingness of City staff and the councillor to meet and hear these concerns. We urge the City to move forward on these community-identified safety measures so we do not see another preventable tragedy on Mohawk Road. The ACORN Mountain Chapter remains ready to collaborate and help ensure these improvements become reality for the residents who rely on this road every day.