

Dear OCPM,

My name is Dominic Caterina, and I've been living close to Promenade Wellington for several years now. At 34, spending time on this vibrant street has become part of my everyday routine. I visit Wellington daily and have come to appreciate its energy, diversity, and the sense of community it fosters during the warmer months when it transforms into a pedestrian-friendly space.

One of the things I love most about the idea of making the pedestrianization permanent is the potential it holds to create a year-round community hub. We're not just talking about a street with shops and restaurants; we're talking about a space where neighbors meet, families stroll, and creativity bubbles over. It's a place where the community can thrive and connect on a whole new level.

I have a few personal favorite ideas for this pedestrian street, should it become a permanent feature. Firstly, I believe narrowing and protecting intersections will make crossing safer and more comfortable for everyone, especially those with mobility challenges. Transforming Place Wellington into a public square and park is another idea I strongly support. It would provide a beautiful space to relax and enjoy the environment, adding greenery and life to our neighborhood. Lastly, ensuring the surface is flat, raised, and accessible would make Wellington more inclusive, inviting people of all abilities to enjoy its offerings.

Having a pedestrian-only Wellington Street all year round fills me with excitement for the future of our community. It promises a welcoming space that values social interaction, local business, and accessibility. I'm truly looking forward to seeing Verdun evolve with this potential transformation.

Thank you for considering my thoughts. I'm hopeful that with the steadfast support of our wonderful community, we'll see this vision come to life.

Sincerely,

Dominic Caterina