

This is my first time commenting on any government matter, but I find the bike lane changes in this bill untenable.

Residents of Toronto had the opportunity to elect a mayor committed to removing bike lanes. Instead, Olivia Chow was elected, with anti-bike lane candidates receiving less than 10% of the popular vote. This clearly indicates that people living in Toronto want bike lanes. If this is in question, the Conservatives should hold a referendum in which only Toronto residents can participate.

I understand that many non-residents visit and commute in Toronto. However, as they are not residents, they should have no say in how the city manages its local streets. Imagine if the province mandated the removal of all cars from Courthouse Square in Goderich simply because visitors preferred a quieter space; it would be absurd.

I drive in Toronto, and I've never biked here. Removing bike lanes will not reduce congestion. This legislation adds red tape, incurs unnecessary spending, and pushes those with the means to relocate to more progressive cities to actually do so. These earners are precisely the type of people Ontario should aim to attract, instead their taxes will be collected by Quebec or British Columbia instead.