

*October 20, 2018 Letter to the Editor  
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### **Vote for progression**

Mayoral candidate Vicki Schmolka, in her statements in today's paper said that "big, expensive projects such as the third crossing and John Counter upgrade were not a benefit to all citizens." Is she for real? I am aware that Schmolka believes everyone should ride a bike or bus but, for many, this is not practical or possible.

As a sales representative I can go, in one day, from Bath to Gananoque; from East to West in Kingston and would love to know how she can suggest I ride a bike or bus! And, there are thousands of Kingstonians I am sure, who are in the same position - all over our city. But, further to her rant against large projects, since I don't ride bikes, the bike lanes are of no value to me; I don't ride buses so why should I have to pay for upgrades; I don't use our libraries so why should I pay for these; I don't and never have had, kids in Kingston schools so why should I have to pay for schools. And the list could go on.

In another mayoral debate, she commented that there is no support for budding young entrepreneurs. Obviously she has never visited KEDCO to see all the programs it offers; does not know about all the networking groups in our city who have mentoring programs for young (and old) business people. Last, in her campaign piece, she comments about how much a group of citizens have had to raise to fight decisions at City Hall. I would ask - how much have these useless appeals cost the taxpayers of Kingston to fight decisions made by a duly elected council that a small group of "don't do anything" people don't like. I sincerely hope the citizens don't vote for regression for Kingston.

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