

Comparisons not apt for 'mythical' downtown core

I am referring to the comment attributed to Mayor Dawe in your January 29, 2015 issue. Regarding the proposed Yonge Street parking overhaul, I quote: 'The idea was sparked on a recent visit to Niagara Falls'?

Mayor Dawe said what he saw encouraged pedestrian traffic and, after talks with many local business owners, there was support here as for something similar.

In my opinion, to compare downtown traffic situation in a world renowned tourist city like Niagara Falls to the traffic in the 'mythical' downtown core of Aurora is a bit of a stretch.

With a high rate of turnover in retail occupancy over the years, can the downtown core location provide a viable economic and sustainable opportunity for the retail sector?

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