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FW: Site Development at 2057 Major Mackenzie

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Subject: RE: Site Development at 2057 Major Mackenzie Dr. z.16.006

Dear Ms. Barkan,

Thank you for your e-mail and the comments you expressed. I totally appreciate the issues raised and by way of this e-mail, I am forwarding your e-mail to be included as part of communications for this item tomorrow evening.

As you know, tomorrow is a required statutory meeting held under the Planning Act. The sole purpose of this meeting is to hear from the public, for or against the application.

Staff and committee members will be listening intently to all comments and then staff will assess the comments and may require the applicant to take a number of steps, including studies, reports, etc. to satisfy all the planning issues prior to staff preparing their recommendations for Council members to consider.

I look forward to seeing and hearing from you and your neighbours tomorrow evening.

Wishing you a good night!!!

Sandra Racco, B. Mus.Ed., A.R.C.T.

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From: Barkan, Jenny [mailto:Jenny.Barkan@magna.com]

Sent: Monday, February 06, 2017 3:22 PM

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Subject: Site Development at 2057 Major Mackenzie Dr. z.16.006

Dear Ms. Racco.

I would like to express my concern regarding the development at 2057 Major Mackenzie Dr. West.

I am the owner of the house on Lealinds Rd. in a close proximity to the development site.

My daughter, as well as many more children, walks every day from school, using Lealinds Road and/or Petticoat Road and

it is a huge concern for me as a parent, that the traffic on both streets will be more like a high way and not as the quite residential street.

We were very happy when the absolutely amazing new Civic Centre Resource Library was opened so close to us, that many children from our neighbourhood can walk or ride their bicycles there after school, read, study, develop new skills. But now, if the development will be approved, the safety of our children will be at stake.

86 Units (according to the description on Vaughan Planit web site) means more than a hundred new vehicles going on the residential streets on the daily basis. Even if the entrance will be created from Major Mackenzie Dr., I assume that majority of the drivers will still use Lealinds Rd and Petticoat Rd as an entry way to avoid the heavy traffic and traffic lights on Major Mackenzie Dr.

Jack Pine Park is a wonderful place for children and families to spend quality time together, but the increased traffic around it will potentially create a lot of dangerous situations.

I familiarize myself with the Traffic Opinion Letter submitted by the Applicant on 2.2016 and would like to contradict this opinion with the study conducted by City of Vaughan as a result of a petition submitted to the Mayor Office by the residents. The real traffic situation in the area is far from ideal and much more concerning than it described in this Letter.

I attached the results of the study and the preventive measures, that were taken, below.

I can understand the desire of the Applicant to take advantage of the high demand for the housing in the area to make a maximum profit from the minimum land available, but the existing residents already paid (and continue to pay) a high premium to live in a beautiful and safe community and the development as proposed, will take this away.

As a resident and a concern parent I would greatly appreciate your support in this matter.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jenny Barkan

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Subject: RE: Traffic Calming

Good morning Jenny,

My apologies for the late summary, as we've only received the speed and volume data collected in June fairly recently. Further to my e-mail dated May 26, 2016, regarding your concerns of motorists speeding in the vicinity of Dr. Roberta Bondar School, St. Cecilia Catholic Elementary School, Jack Pine Park, Freedom Trail Park, and Pleasant Hollow Park in Block 18. Transportation Services staff have investigated the matter and can provide the following information.

Dr. Roberta Bondar Public School is located at the northeast corner of Grand Trunk Avenue and Sir Sanford Fleming Way. St. Cecilia Catholic Elementary School is located at the southwest corner of Peter Rupert Avenue and Golden Forest Road.

Speed Data

Volume and speed data were collected through the installation of Automatic Traffic Recorders (ATR's). Data were collected on a 24-hour-a-day basis at various locations listed below.

Location	Date
Peter Rupert Avenue between Sand Valley Street and Barletta Drive/ Golden Orchard Road	November 17-19, 2015
Peter Rupert Avenue between Golden Forest Road/Carrier Crescent and Pullman Road	April 12-14, 2016
Peter Rupert Avenue between Petticoat Rd and Sand Valley Street	April 12-14, 2016
Ivy Glen Drive, east of Grand Trunk Avenue	June 7-9, 2016
Grand Trunk Avenue, south of Sir Sanford Fleming Way	June 7-9, 2016
Carrier Crescent, west of Grand Trunk Avenue	June 7-9, 2016
Jack Pine Road, near Jack Pine Park	June 7-9, 2016
Freedom Trail, near Freedom Trail Park	June 7-9, 2016
Peter Rupert Avenue, near Pleasant Hollow Park	June 7-9, 2016

The volume and speed data is summarized in the table below:

Location	Date	Average Daily Traffic	Speed Limit	Average Speed		85th Percentile Speed	
				NB/ EB	SB/ WB	NB/ EB	SB/ WB
Peter Rupert Ave between Sand Valley St and Barletta Dr/ Golden Orchard Rd	Nov-15	6167	40	37	40	44	48
Peter Rupert Ave between Golden Forest Rd/ Carrier Crescent and Pullman Rd	Apr-16	6858	40	37	34	45	42
Grand Trunk Avenue, south of Sir Sanford Fleming Way	Jun-16	1586	40	41	37	48	44
Ivy Glen Drive, east of Grand	Jun-16	1991	50	43	45	55	56

Trunk Avenue							
Carrier Crescent, west of Grand Trunk Avenue	Jun-16	718	50	40	37	49	46
Jack Pine Road, near Jack Pine Park	Jun-16	1288	50	37	42	51	54
Freedom Trail, near Freedom Trail Park	Jun-16	4944	50	47	48	55	56
Peter Rupert Avenue, near Pleasant Hollow Park	Jun-16	8147	50	55	59	63	69

Ivy Glen Drive, Grand Trunk Avenue, Freedom Trail and Peter Rupert Avenue are minor collector roadways with 23.0 metre right-of-ways and 11.5 metre pavement widths. The existing speed limit is statutory 50 km/h for all the above-mentioned roadways with exception of 40km/h speed limit for school zones on Grand Trunk Avenue (between Carrier Crescent and Ivy Glen Drive) and Peter Rupert Avenue (between Lauderdale Drive and Halo Court).

Carrier Crescent and Jack Pine Road are local roadways with 17.5 metre right-of-ways and 8.0 metre pavement widths. The existing speed limit is statutory 50 km/h.

The study results show that the average speeds of the study locations comply with the speed limits, with the exception of Peter Rupert Avenue near Pleasant Hollow Park (55-59km/h).

Within the 40km/h speed limit zone, the collected average speeds range from 34 km/h to 41 km/h and the 85th percentile speeds range from 42 km/h to 48 km/h.

Traffic Calming Measures Request

Based on the Council approved Neighbourhood Traffic Committee Policy and Procedure, dated June 2010 (Attached), all vertical traffic calming measures (such as speed humps and raised crosswalks) are to be discontinued on emergency response routes/feeder/primary/collector roadway such as Ivy Glen Avenue, Grand Trunk Avenue, Freedom Trail and Peter Rupert Avenue.

The recorded 85th percentile speeds at Peter Rupert Avenue near Pleasant Hollow Park (between 63 km/h and 69 km/h) meet the warrant requirement for the horizontal traffic calming measures (e.g. medians, curb extension and road narrowings), as the warrant requires the 85th percentile speed exceed the speed limit (50 km/h) by 10 km/h. Different types of horizontal traffic calming measures including curb extensions and road narrowings (edgelines) were installed on the Peter Rupert Avenue.

Next Step and Actions:

- **Speed enforcement request will be sent to York Region Police for increasing patrol based on the recorded 85th percentile speed.**

- **Radar Message Boards (RMBs) has been scheduled for the following locations.**
 - Peter Rupert Avenue near Romeo Dallaire Public School from March 21 to 25, 2016.
 - Grand Trunk Avenue near Dr. Roberta Bonda Public School from May 2 to 6, 2016
 - Peter Rupert Avenue near St. Cecilia Catholic Elementary School from June 13 to 17, 2016
 - Freedom Trail near Freedom Trail Park from October 17 to 28, 2016

RMBs are devices used in conjunction with the City's Speed Compliance Program which was launched in 2010 in partnership with York Regional Police, to raise awareness of motorist travel speed, in comparison to the posted speed limit.

Each RMB is equipped with a radar unit that continuously monitors the speed of oncoming traffic, and displays it on a light-emitting diode message board. Signs are placed on the same street, facing opposite directions, to monitor oncoming traffic in both directions. All traffic data collected from the RMB will be analyzed, and study results will be forwarded to York Regional Police for their information, driver education, and any associated enforcement efforts.

Signage Review

Staff visited the surrounding roadways near Dr. Roberta Bonda Public School, St. and Cecilia Catholic Elementary School. Existing school zone signs with Maximum 40 km/h tab had been installed according to Ontario Traffic Manual. Staff arranged to install additional school zone signs and Maximum 40 km/h sign on Peter Rupert Avenue for the new school, Romeo Dallaire Public School. In addition, staff will arrange to replace all existing "Maximum 40 km/h" tab to a larger "Maximum 40 km/h" sign (75cm x 60cm) to increase motorists' awareness of the school zone speed limit.

Based on staff's site visit, "Playground Ahead" signs with 'SLOW' tabs have installed appropriately near Freedom Trail Park, Pheasant Hollow Park and Jack Pine Park. In accordance with Highway Traffic Act, 40 km/h speed zones are reserved for roadways abutting elementary schools. In addition, non-uniform speed

limits will decrease driver compliance and may result in a higher risk of collisions. Hence, speed reduction near parks is not recommended.

Education Program

Your request on road safety education among schools in Vaughan has been forwarded to school boards for their consideration. You can contact Diana Kakamousias, Active and Safe Routes to School Facilitator at [905.727.0022 x 2095](tel:905.727.0022) or diana.kakamousias@yrdsb.ca

Enforcement Request

In regard to concerns for speeding traffic, you can always contact York Regional Police, and complete a Citizen Report Form to report dangerous or unlawful driver behaviour. Instances of speeding, unsafe lane changes, disobeying traffic lights and stop signs are some typical types of behaviors that qualify for a submission. The following internet link is provided for your reference:

<http://www.yrp.ca/en/services/online-services.asp>

Thank you for bring your concerns to our attention, if you have any further questions, please contact me.

Regards,

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