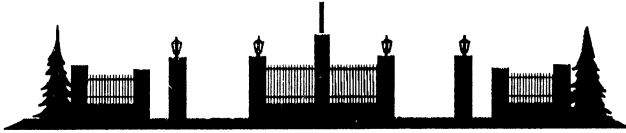


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March 12, 2009

Attention: Toronto Region and Conservation Authority

Re: Meadowcliffe Drive Erosion Control Project

Thank you for attending the GVCA executive committee meeting on Tuesday, March 10th. Unfortunately we were very disappointed to learn that the TRCA continues to recommend the Guild Access Route for the Meadowcliffe Drive Erosion Control Project.

The GVCA represents approximately 12,000 people living in Guildwood Village, many of whom are seniors and children. We do not accept your arbitrary environmental analysis of the construction access options.

- The Safety factor of trucks traveling along a highly used pedestrian route on both Galloway Road (where no sidewalks exist) and Guildwood Parkway (where a high school is located) must be rated relatively high.
- The Recreational Shoreline factor does not consider the frequent daily use of the trail by the public, which should be rated relatively high.
- Other Engineering Projects must factor in truck traffic from the demolition of the Guild Inn Hotel tower project and the construction of a new 7-storey building at Livingston Lodge. These projects will contribute to an increase in noise, dust and road degradation and will increase the rating to relatively high.

It is therefore the position of the GVCA that:

1. We will not accept the Guild Inn Access Route for the Meadowcliffe Drive Erosion Control Project. We will not tolerate 20 trucks = 40 trips daily along Galloway Road and Guildwood Parkway. Heavy truck traffic will cause an enormous disturbance to Guildwood Village residents for at least 5 years and will pose a threat to the safety of residents, particularly seniors and children.
2. Guildwood Village residents have the right to gain full access to the shoreline trail in order to appreciate and enjoy the waterfront along the Guildwood Parkway, Guild Inn, South Marine Drive and Sylvan sections of the project.

The GVCA believes that the TRCA has been negligent in pursuing other access options. Knowing that erosion of the bluffs was accelerating at Meadowcliffe Drive over the past several years, what contingency plans were put in place? Has it always been the plan of TRCA to use the Guild Access Route for all future access needs? Shoreline construction work has gone on for 20 years and there is still much work planned beyond Meadowcliffe.

It is time to develop an access route from Bluffers Park and to begin negotiations with 21 waterfront property owners. The area of shoreline between Bluffers Park and Meadowcliffe that is currently used for scientific research should not hold a higher priority than the affect of many years of construction on Guildwood Village residents.

The GVCA needs assurance from the TRCA that a new access route will be developed for the Meadowcliffe Drive Erosion Control Project or further action will be taken.

Sincerely,

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