

To
Christina Bisanz Councillor Ward 7 and the Town of Newmarket

Hello

I wish to thank Christina for your commitment to the updates for ward 7 residents and look forward to the future updates on the development for the Glenway area.

As a longtime resident of Glenway my wife and I, now both retired, thought we were investing our time & money into an area that would give us a happy retirement with all necessary amenities close by. Due to the ongoing construction the last seven years in this area and the ensuing chaos & frustration dealing with the builders contact people in an attempt to mitigate problems, we are thinking twice about our decision to stay. We weigh the pros and cons of moving on a weekly, if not daily, basis it seems. This is our family home filled with years of love and memories, our grown children & their families return HOME often, adding to our ties to this area, so for people to say "just move", it's not that simple. We are invested in Newmarket and all that it offers. With the upcoming reveal for the west lands of Glenway our focus will be on that and the long term affect for us.

Because our home is beside the old clubhouse site next to the hydro corridor we did believe that there would always be some form of buffer between us and the construction, big mistake !

We were willing to live through the noise, the dirt and dust, and the general day to day process of construction, always believing that the end result would be quite nice. Now we look out our kitchen window and use our rear deck and yard with a constant day to day reminder of the process of building new homes only just beyond our fence. With the 6 new homes to be built just to the west of us any time the effect will seem to double, throw in the announcement of the west lands it is sometimes overwhelming.

I have attached a list of concerns for you and know that some appear as nit picking but on a day to day basis these issues become extremely annoying!

I do believe that these concerns will not go away any time soon but just move from site to site until all is completed in this area .

I have tried to get information about the future plans for the hydro corridor but answers at this time from all parties seems to be unsure . Will this area become a staging area once again for builders with absolutely no respect for existing home owners! You say we have a voice but those words ring very hollow for all home owners living through this entire process!

I appreciate your understanding on these matters

Richard F Smith


CONSTRUCTION CONCERNS GLENWAY

dirt on roadways

only seem to clean roads when prompted

no set time sometimes in the morning and or evening not during the day when roads are being used by residents, sometimes late at night

airborne dust control almost non existent must complain before any attempts are made

constant back and forth from site to overflow parking lot to move materials and waste more dirt more dust

overflow parking lot turned into construction holding area / employee parking which brings

- constant garbage, coffee cups, waste paper, work gloves, lunches, which attracts coyotes
- parking of machinery to move and install materials c/w back up beepers
- storage of bricks, ducts, trailers, stone, stairs, electrical cables and storage containers
- large dumpsters for garbage with loud banging when small site containers are emptied many times a day
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only designated construction parking lot only had one construction trailer on it which was empty most of the time and seldom used for parking by workers even when parking was limited

construction access points where left open so anyone could dump any debris or garbage that they wish and still is a problem

sidewalk and roadways at access points seldom cleaned

construction debris along the streets has been picked up on occasions since construction started generally when grass cutting

roadways have been closed to one lane without the use of cones, signs, flagpersons, workers parking on street causing traffic confusion and trucks unloading on street more confusion

walkways have been dug out for services and replaced most of which have sunk lower than existing

sidewalks closed and blocked to pedestrian traffic

holes have been dug and not backfilled properly

sod replaced and then destroyed by home construction

roadways and sidewalks damaged

material being delivered at peak traffic times generally in the morning and trucks using the subdivision roads rather the access roads no signs to indicate not to

money spent trying to save / transplant trees

then trees cut down no reason given

overflow parking area and streets taken over by customers up to 72 hours prior to sales office being open

use public boulevards' for storage of signs scrap wood etc

the black construction fencing round the reconstructed pond at Crossland Gate and Hwy 9 is in tatters and the garbage is now getting into the pond
the weeds at this location where higher than the plant material this year /2019

the intersection at Crossland Gate and Alex Doner Dr the roadways need repair due to heavy truck use

With the completed homes being occupied there has been a definite change to traffic patterns in the area and a change in water pressure, With the announcement of Glenway West proposed development and the balance of buildings to be completed in Glenway East should all the studies done before not be reviewed to make sure they will be meet all future demands.

The construction management practices to date have not been great for an infill project of this type and require a major overhaul to be satisfactory to all residents going forward . Contact numbers names emails and web sites should be posted at all sites to assist with concerns .