

Hi,

I recently received a letter about a proposed bike lane construction on Clearmeadow Boulevard. Although I am not against bike lanes, I am against the idea that on my street we will no longer be able to park on the north side or side.

I live on Clearmeadow Boulevard, a street with 140 homes on a residential street with a 40KM speed limit. On a 40KM residential street, I do not see the need to add designated bike lanes. I understand for streets that are 60KM and over, but if cars are travelling at 40KM there should be no need for bike lanes. This seems like a complete waste of hard-earned tax dollars. This will take away from the feel of a residential street and turn it into a feeder street like Mulock. My and other kids on the street cannot play on the street, so we move our cars to the street for a few hours so that our kids can play hockey on our driveway, we will no longer be able to do that with these proposed bike lanes. Therefore, they cannot play on the street nor my driveway, as there are no other parking options.

The letter states that one of the reasons for these bike lanes are to provide a connecting bike route from Bathurst to Yonge Street. Why not then create this connection on Mulock, a much larger street that is mostly used for connecting traffic between Yonge and Bathurst anyways. I do not understand why we feel the need to do these projects in our residential neighborhoods when we have streets like Mulock that can accomplish the same objective.

I have already contacted multiple residents on Clearmeadow and they are all angry and disappointed about this initiative. We are mobilizing to put together a petition against this proposed bike lane. We are not happy that we live on this street and have no say to this proposed project, we should be able to collectively agree or disagree to this proposal.

I urge that in the December budget process, you vote to reject this initiative.

Regards,
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