

Good Afternoon;

I am the resident/ owner of 42 Clearmeadow Blvd, along with my husband Michael McLean.

I was very dismayed to receive a letter dated November 12, 2020 in my mailbox on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 and postmarked November 24, 2020, entitled " Notice of Proposed Bicycle Lane Construction".

The title itself is misleading. One would reasonably think that the letter contained information on what is proposed and that residents will be able to speak to their concerns and voice their opinions. It is clear the combination of the very late receipt of the letter is a barrier to this and the first line of the paragraph states " are to be constructed". I understand this will be decided at the December 7, 2020 Council meeting, leaving residents very little time to respond.

While I support green initiatives, I believe that installing Bicycle Lanes on Clearmeadow Blvd is an unwise decision. In the summer of 2019 we had traffic calming measures installed on this street, I supported this as there is a significant speeding problem on Clearmeadow, which worsened with the installation of lights at Bathurst Street. During the time the bollards were on the road, parking and driving was a nightmare. I will point out to you that these measures were not reinstalled in summer 2020.

Even during the pandemic Clearmeadow remains a street which is subject to a lot of street parking. The driveways are short and do not have room for parking of visitors, trades, etc. There are often cars parked perpendicularly at the end of driveways which is dangerous for residents backing out. This practice will increase greatly when Bicycle lanes are installed. I would also add that there is relatively little bicycle traffic on Clearmeadow and most of it is children who ride on the sidewalk.

When Bicycle lanes are installed there is guaranteed to be tension among neighbours. Cars that would normally park along Clearmeadow , Columbus and Plantation will be fighting with residents of the side streets in the area for street parking. I will remind you that there are a number of town houses in the area and already a lot of street parking. Residents might also choose to park in local plaza and school parking lots. This is neither an ideal solution nor should it be.

There is also the issue of resale ability and value for the residents effected by this. When prospective buyers come to view homes in any part of this neighbourhood they will be put off not only by the lack of parking but the congestion of the area.

I would urge Council to reconsider it's position at least for the time being. Your data gathered in 2018 is entirely outdated and does not take into account the changes in this neighbourhood over the past two years. There have been many new homes built in the area and the installation of lights at Bathurst Street has increased non local traffic significantly. There is also

the question of the great expense of bike lane installation for the few people who use them during a time when fiscal restraint should most definitely be practiced.

Sincerely,

Shari Northorp McLean