

Hi Kelly,
Hi John,

I think based on the email discussions we have had so far, that it is clear that I believe the residents of Clearmeadow Blvd do not agree to have bike lanes installed on Clearmeadow Blvd that would eliminate the use of temporary street parking.

Unfortunately, as we did not receive the proposed letter in a reasonable time, as the letter was received only on December 2nd (although the date of letter had November 12th), and with impact of COVID19 we were only able to set up an online petition and distribute petition letters on Clearmeadow. However, with that being said, even with the above two restrictions we were still able to obtain 123 petitions. The details of the petitions are attached to this email. This number continues to grow, and more resident details are being obtained.

I believe with more time and dialogue this number would surely increase.

See link to petition: www.change.org/clearmeadow

In the process of sending out this petition letter we received a lot of email/call feedback thanking us for putting this together and being a voice for them. The consistent message we received is that they all feel like they received the letter too late and although it says proposed, it does not provide details on how they can object and have their voice heard. This bike lane proposal has sparked a lot of discussion and passion amongst Newmarket residents as many are asking why they were not specifically consulted with.

As an alternative to Clearmeadow, I would suggest as do many of the residents of Clearmeadow from the feedback we received, to move these bike lanes to Mulock Drive.

- It provides the same solution as connecting the already existing bike lanes on Bathurst and Yonge.
- Bike lanes on Mulock would connect directly to the Mulock Property park on Yonge and Mulock.
- Mulock is only 400 meters from Clearmeadow
- It will have little to no disruption to any of the local residents as opposed to Clearmeadow with the large impact of removing temporary street parking.
- There is also ample room on Mulock street to create dedicated bike lanes.
- Clearmeadow is a 40KM limit street, with vehicles going this speed it should be reasonable to cycle safely on the street. Mulock with its 60KM speed would benefit more from having these designated bike lanes and would really have very little impact on vehicle traffic.

I would like to know if a Mulock was considered instead of Clearmeadow and if so, why it was not chosen as a better option than Mulock.

I know that other residents have also reached out to their councillors in Ward 1 and Ward 5 which are also affected by these bike lanes.

In conclusion we believe fundamentally that a true proposal should include direct feedback by the community members which are most effected by the proposal.

Regards,
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