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**Subject:** 560 Grays Rd proposed development

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From: Michelle Blanchette  
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To the attention of our Council, our elected officials

When running for public office, candidates profess to a strong belief in a sense of community & to the desire to give back & even defend & protect the community they wish to represent. It's time to do that & not simply push through a development in the interest of an increase of tax dollars. Where is the due diligence on the part of the Planning Committee in properly assessing the environmental impact, the traffic congestion & public safety in my neighborhood?

It is preposterous to entertain the notion that a residential development of the size proposed in that area that is already a truck route & essentially an on-ramp to the highway would have a negligible effect on the current tax payers & voting public. Doesn't our opinion matter? We are the ones who have to wait in traffic to cross Frances Rd because of the already heavy flow of traffic, especially at rush hours, with no traffic lights for vehicles to move traffic along smoothly or for pedestrians to cross safely. We are the ones whose children wait at that school bus stop every day on the corner of Drakes & Frances. We are the ones walking & riding our bikes, negotiating our way through the traffic funneling down Grays Rd & onto the North Service Rd. And now the Planning Committee is in favour of adding more congestion. A vote to approve this proposal breaks the public trust that our elected officials are actually serving the public they represent.

Perhaps you have been given misleading information or perhaps you've never visited the area in question. Perhaps you actually think that the GO station under construction on Centennial Parkway actually IS a walkable distance. If so, I invite you to come visit the area & walk that distance yourself. I invite you to come visit the corner of Drakes & Frances in September and sit with me in traffic in the morning. I invite you to come talk to me & my neighbours & form an informed opinion instead of only looking at the prospect of increased tax dollars, because that appears to be the motivation behind approving this development. And that would be an irresponsible thing to do to our community.

Please consider the impact of this decision on the many lives it will affect & the people who believe in our community & the importance of our elected officials protecting it.

Respectfully,  
Michelle Blanchette  
Stoney Creek

Sent from my iPad