

Written Submission

To: The Chairperson and Planning Committee Members

Regarding: Issues Making Cartier Crescent a through street

Reference Item 8.3 Planning Committee 2018-09-18: Cartier Crescent Extension - Information Report (PED18206) (Ward 7).

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Concerns Raised and Submitted here to the City of Hamilton:

There are many concerns in making Cartier Crescent a through street right now especially since it has never been a through street even before this neighbourhood was developed in 1993/1994.

I will only be speaking to some of the traffic concerns and related risks of making Cartier Crescent a through street right now.

- **Traffic and Racing:**

St. Jean de Brebeuf high school on Acadia Drive is a very large high school with over 1700 students plus teachers and staff bringing it close to 2000 persons that is planning on growing even more. Traffic on Acadia Drive is extreme during both the morning and the afternoon drop off and pickup times and the traffic is relatively constant and busy throughout the rest of the day, evening and after midnight hours.

Racing is a big problem on Acadia Drive in front of the school and I see and hear it 24/7. The Hamilton Police have been called numerous times in regards to racing by me, others and the school. During the day, evening hours and after midnight, and after activities at the school football field or the three soccer fields at Billy Sherring, all types of vehicles driven by all sexes, both teens and non-teens, have been racing down Acadia Drive in front of the school. They tend to race down Acadia Drive after coming down from Upper Sherman or from the back of the school where they can loop their vehicles.

If Cartier Crescent was opened right now, it would open a loop around Acadia Drive and Cartier Crescent for extended racing providing a circular race track if you will as well as an alternate way out to race out of the area and escape any police intervention. The Cartier Crescent

extension would also come out directly at Billing Sherring Park and an entrance way making it unsafe for children, school teens, as well as patrons enjoying the football and track fields, the three soccer fields and the park itself. No post calming measures would work as they these drivers tend to disregard all safety concerns including a death child sign posted mid street on Acadia Drive.

In addition, as the proposed over high density development by Sonoma Homes at 1518, 1530 and 1540 Upper Sherman Avenue (the area was originally proposed for no higher than low density provide the agricultural/park zoning was approved for change by the city) is currently with LPAT (OMB) – this would dangerously flood the neighbourhood to an extreme density with the current St. Jean de Brebeuf high school, Billy Sherring Park, and users of the park and school by all of the Greater Hamilton area on top of all the other approved development including a 40,000 square foot retail space, a new church and the large Nora Francis public high school just a block away. Opening Cartier Crescent right now would place uncontrolled and potentially lethal risks into the neighbourhood.

- **Traffic Visibility:**

Another point of consideration is the visibility of the traffic coming from the potentially extended Cartier Crescent to Acadia Drive. As vehicles tend to drive quickly around the bend where Cartier would come out, and further visual restrictions if anything at all is built at the 1518/1530/1540, makes visibility an extreme risk not only for those racing but also for school and HSR (school) buses and anyone at all.

In Summary:

It really does not make logistical, infrastructural or safety sense to make Cartier Crescent a through street right now before it is known what development will be decided on at the 1518, 1530, 1540 Upper Sherman Avenue location (currently with the LPAT (OMB) with a preliminary hearing on Oct.23.2018).

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