

Pilon, Janet

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To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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Mayor Eisenberger and Members of Council:

Dear Mayor: please find below an e-mail I sent to our Ward 7 representative last summer. I know the City is in a cash crunch, now as always, but particularly with the challenges and hardships we are all facing these days. I can't begin to fathom the shortages of municipal funds given the current Corona crisis and I'm wondering if my suggestions below could help in any manner. I did hear back from Esther, she stated that there may have been a few good ideas positioned but also didn't really know if there was any direct interest that could be gauged from council. I'm writing you just to ask if my ideas are even possible. That is, would the Linc / Red Hill be a regional or Provincial responsibility to implement a method of a user/pay basis?

Please let me know if this idea is even worth a council debate. If not that's ok too, just some random thoughts. I'm more than curious with regard to heavy transport through this corridor and cash crunches within our city.

With thanks, Mark Hagel

> -----Original Message-----

> From: mark hagel

> Sent: June 16, 2019 4:26 PM

> To: Pauls, Esther <Esther.Pauls@hamilton.ca>

> Subject: Linc / Redhill truck traffic

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> Hi Esther, Mark & Helen Hagel writing. Our concern is with the large truck traffic passing through our city in either direction on the Linc/Redhill Expressway.

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> It has been so nice the last three weeks with the northbound resurfacing to not have many of the monster trucks passing through our neighbourhood. And that's exactly what it is, the Mountain area, wholly residential from near Old Mohawk Road to Dartnall then swinging down through the valley, residential again on either side until past the Barton Street area.

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> The heavy metal fallout along with confirmed carcinogens from diesel engine exhaust must accumulate to many metric tonnes over the course of a day, week, month, etc. Pollutionwatch.org is a website that previously was able to give measurements of heavy metal fallout per area based on a postal code. I couldn't find that specific information for Ward7 in my last search but the information was shocking previously and is available somewhere I'm sure.

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> Where I'm leading is a restriction and/or a redirection of large transport trucks away from this expressway. Many, many of these trucks are taking this route from Michigan to New York and all Hamilton

gets from it is the dirt, grime, etc. left behind. I feel the City should direct 'flow through' trucking down the 403 hill and over the Skyway bridge as in previous years. Yes other areas would certainly have to put up with pollution but it is substantially less residential with that route.

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> If that proves unpopular or not feasible there should at least be tolls imposed on non-regional traffic. This would help with road maintenance at least, for those operators who would choose to pay for the privilege of clouding up our area.

> Might I suggest to you that you canvass your colleagues on council and find out if there would be a flavour for any part of these ideas. I think it's high time that serious action be taken against non-discriminate polluters of our home area.

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> I'm looking forward to the next three weeks while the southbound lanes are redone and possibly during that time you could find a good vantage point and come to your own conclusions.

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> Thanks Esther and I look forward to hearing back from you and hopefully there will be others that share our concern.

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> Have an enjoyable summer, when it arrives, and maintain your good profile on Hamilton City council.