From: Lakewood Beach Community Council

To: <u>Danko, John-Paul</u>
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Subject: Proposed Permanent Closure of Truck Route - Correspondence for next Public Works Committee Meeting

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## Dear Chair Danko,

For more years than we care to remember, residents in our community have tried to address the lack of public safety in our area's road designs. We have spent countless hours phoning, writing, delegating to Public Works Committee, and in meetings. Daytime truck traffic into our residential neighbourhood has been identified, by the majority of the residents in our community, as a major contributor to the local issues.

Presently, the car/truck traffic is being re-routed to the South Service Road due to the close of the North Service Road for repaving from Drakes to Centennial. This closure has presented an opportunity for positive change (enhanced Public Safety) hence we're making one more kick at the can.

Based on residents' feedback, the present detoured routing of truck traffic, should have been the permanent truck traffic route all these past years. Our area has no industry & the small commercial lands we did have, have been rezoned. We are a residential bedroom community. (from Grays all the way to Fruitland, north of the QEW). There is no reason to allow 18 wheelers from the industrial park south of the QEW into our local, sidewalk-less, neighbourhood roads north of the QEW.

As evidenced by the present day re-routing, there has not been any noticeable negative impact to the Movement of Goods (traffic congestions on South Service Road major intersections). There has however, been numerous positive impacts for the residents.

While we appreciate that changes to Master Plans generally take place during a lengthy review, we are aware changes have occurred mid-stream (such as Kenilworth Ave) via Motions at Public Works Committee Meeting.

We are therefore respectfully requesting once again, that the Truck Route (Grays, Frances, Drakes) be considered for permanent removal from our Truck Route Master Plan. The timing here is perfect!

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