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Good evening,

I have been emailing with Brad Clark regarding the dirt bikes, ATV's, snowmobiles and vehicles that use the hydro corridor behind my house. Before dealing with Mr. Clark I was working with Brenda Johnson.

I have live at [REDACTED], Hannon in the Summit Park Subdivision. My house backs onto the farmer's field and hydro corridor on the east side of Fletcher Road. We are the third house in from Fletcher Road and we have been here 11 years. Since the time we have moved in we have been dealing with motorize vehicles behind our house. The first few years it was the odd ATV and more snowmobiles. But over the years there has been an increase in the traffic and the types of vehicles using this corridor. ATV's, dirt bikes, snow mobiles, trucks.

Some of the things we have experience has been trucks shooting turkeys out the back of the truck behind our house. The police were called and they were ticketed. We also had trucks drive back there and get stuck in the snow. Farm equipment had to be called and used to get them out and again they were ticketed. We have seen a guy on a dirt bike who was hoping to cross Fletcher Road before a car came into his path only to realize at the last moment that he wasn't going to make it and hit the breaks so hard that he flew over his handle bars. We have seen guys doing donuts in the farmers field ripping up the ground even when there are crops planted in there, we have even seen this same individual get pinned by his bike when he feel off doing these donuts.

We bought our house here because while we longed to have a farm, our children needed to be with other children and close to transportation. This house gave us the farm feel with the convenience of a neighbourhood for the kids. The peace and quite that we reasonably expected when buying a house that backs onto a farmer's field has never come to be. The snowmobiles in the first few years were mostly at night while the kids were trying to sleep. They are very loud and would go back and forth for hours on end. The dirt bikes and ATVs rip back and forth kicking up dirt this happens at all hours of the day and evening. The dirt coats the tables in the backyard and if there are clothes hanging to dry they need to be rewashed sometimes.

We have asked these guys not to use the path directly behind the houses and some have moved further under the hydro towers but other have sworn at us and make sure they kick up more dirt when they see us outside.

As a homeowners, we have a reasonable expectation that the field behind our house would be a quiet peaceful location. Unfortunately that has not been the case. On any given Saturday or Sunday we will have 7 dirt bikes travel behind the house and up to 10 ATVs. They go back and forth multiple times a day. This is no longer a farmers field but a private road.

This By-Law that is proposed will give the families that back onto the farmers field in Summit Park some much needed peace and quiet. This goes for all of the families at are dealing with the unauthorized use of the farm and hydro corridors throughout the city and surrounding areas.

Thank you,

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