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Subject: Truck Route Master Plan Changes - Nov 29th Sub-Committee Meeting

Good Day Council Members,

Regarding the upcoming Sub-Committee meeting, in particular the draft plan indicating the truck loop from Gray's Road for access to the QEW... Can you please advise why this loop continues to be part of the recommendation as a full time truck route? There has been repeated opposition within the local residential community. Many have provided feedback, including the engagement process last year.

Trucks being permitted in this fully residential area (where there are no sidewalks) is a very dangerous situation. There is enough issue with regular vehicles regarding this area. Twice, just last week alone, I had extremely close calls with vehicles failing to stop at Drakes while entering Frances Avenue. Both times I was forced to slam on my brakes to avoid hitting these vehicles as the offending drivers carried through and around the corner. The latter incident almost resulted in a three vehicle collision with two vehicles almost being t-boned on the drivers' sides and directly at the drivers' door. Were it not for the quick action of myself and the opposing driver, the offending driver entering the intersection from Drakes could have caused very serious damage.

This situation has happened several times in the past, including trucks entering the intersection without stopping at the stop sign. Imagine if there were a jogger or cyclist traveling along Frances Avenue, only to be met by a transport truck failing to stop at Drakes or, conversely, as they turn onto Drakes from Frances. Grays Road, Frances Avenue, Drakes and the North Service Road (all residential in nature) is no place for a designated truck route. Please, again we respectfully request that this area be completely removed as a designated truck route.

Thank you,
Sherry Hayes & Dennis Facia
Community Residents