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**Subject:** Truck Route Master Plan Changes: Grays/Frances/Drakes

We have lived on Drakes Drive in Stoney Creek for 14 years and, for as long as we can remember, there has been an increasing lack of public safety in our area's road designs. I don't know how many times my neighbours and I have to continue writing & phoning to draw your attention to this matter. 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.

In June of 2020, the car/truck traffic was temporarily re-routed to the South Service Road due to the closure of the North Service Road for repaving from Drakes to Centennial. This closure presented an ideal opportunity for positive change and enhanced Public Safety, yet now there is a proposal to make the Grays/Frances/Drakes loop into a 24 hour truck route.

There is no sound logic to this when the 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 someone who commutes to work, I have seen congestion get increasingly worse with not only truck traffic but also the increase in personal vehicles due to so many new homes/condos in our area on the lake side of the highway. While installing a traffic light at Green Rd. North has helped drivers be able to get onto the North Service Rd from Green Rd, it does not help those of us on Drakes Dr. because we can't even get across Frances to get in the queue to get onto the North Service Rd. due to the steady flow of traffic in the mornings, especially the trucks driving over the Grays Rd overpass.

I have spent many mornings no matter when I leave (anywhere from 7:15 - 8:30) and it is always a challenge since there is no stoplight to help us get off our street or slow the traffic loop that is essentially a highway on-ramp. And we have no other way to get off our street. That is a key piece of information. We have no alternate route but the trucks do!

Please let common sense prevail. Make the South Service Rd that is in an industrial neighbourhood and not Drakes Dr be the truck route or at least do not make matters worse by changing this to a 24 hour route for trucks.

Those of us who actually live in this area and know the realities of this situation respectfully request once again, that the Truck Route (Grays, Frances, Drakes) be considered for permanent removal from our Truck Route Master Plan.

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