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Dear City Clerk,

A needless tragedy occurred at 3084 Glanworth Drive on February 11, 2012. A little girl lost her life and now a mother has to live with anguish and guilt for the rest of her life along with all the people involved in their lives. Mr. Fraser asked a fireman on the scene that at the time was washing blood out of his yard if a guardrail would have prevented this tragedy. The fireman told Mr. Fraser that a guardrail would not have prevented the accident but would have prevented the severity of it. Mr. Fraser then asked the fireman to put it in his report. The fireman then recalled that he had been to Mr. Fraser's property before for another accident, a red Honda had crashed into a tree not 20 feet from his son's swing set. This had really disturbed the fireman.

Mr. and Mrs. Fraser have requested at every accident scene that the police HAVE been called to put in their report that a guardrail would be recommended. Mr. and Mrs. Fraser have been told by the police that it is not their job to ask the city to put in guard rails and yet I quote for the LFP February 14, 2012, a city spokesperson said that "If the police came to us and said we should go there and have a look, we would certainly do that." We asked several police officers and fireman to report to the city about looking into a guardrail since the accident. We have heard nothing. The spokes person said that to his knowledge there has been no formal request for a guardrail. Well about six years ago Mr. Fraser asked their ward councillor about putting in a guardrail and she told him that the chances of us being in our yard at the wrong time as opposed to the city being sued were minimal.

Well here is your FORMAL request..

The following are accidents that have occurred at 3084 Glanworth Dr. With the vehicles coming into the yard from Wellington Road since 2005:

1. February 11, 2012 a SUV slammed into a tree killing 2.
2. Winter 2011, a van slid into the ditch and fell on its side, not reported, a tow truck was called.
3. Winter 2010 a red Honda crashed into trees near house, was left locked and deserted. After investigation it was found to be a DUI. Brandon's bedroom is on that corner of the house (son of the Frasers).
4. Winter 2010 an SUV slid into the fence dividing the Frasers and their neighbour, once again not reported, a tow truck was called.
5. Winter 2008 Had a dodge shadow go off road into yard starting at corner of house along property line and rolled about 100 ft and came to a stop behind our garage. Police were not called, not reported, a tow truck was called.

6. December 2007, Frasers returned home after Grandmother's funeral to find someone had slid into their yard from Wellington road and continued to drive through the WET yard and exited out of the yard on Glanworth Dr. Obviously not reported.

The city does not want to put in a metal guardrail or high tension guard rail due to the possibility of lawsuits from vehicles being deflected into oncoming traffic so here is a solution:

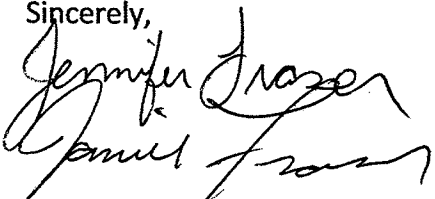
We have researched that a low tension guard rail would be appropriate for this area. When a vehicle hits the low-tension guardrail the cable moves as much as twelve feet from its original location. Since the system is low tension, the cables tend to lie on the ground in the event that an impact damages posts. The guardrail then would need to be repaired to be functional again. This system would "catch" the vehicle and not send it back into oncoming traffic. We would be happy with this type of guardrail, the vehicle would probably still end up in our yard but it would catch the vehicle, slow it down and hopefully prevent deaths.

During our collection of signatures we had residents ask and suggest that the speed limit be reduced on the curve. Residents also suggested that reflectors be installed where Wellington Road starts to curve back to the left when you are heading north. This turn starts at the intersection of Wellington Rd and Glanworth Dr. at the back of 3084 Glanworth dr. property. This would make the curve back to the left more noticeable. So we would also like to ask for the speed limit on this section of Wellington road to be reduced. This would be another solution to prevent people from having accidents and ending up in our yard. However, the police would definitely have to enforce it. People drive way too fast on Wellington, they forget how to drive in the bad weather. People speeding is especially bad in the early evenings on summer weekends when people are coming home from Port Stanley. Those that travel Wellington Rd on a regular basis know the chances of seeing a cruiser with radar between Reagan Bourne and Shaver St. is very minimal. We have personally seen drivers on sports bikes pass other vehicles on the curve.

Is it going to take the death of a resident for the city of London to do something? Shouldn't a family be safe in their own yard? A person is to be in control of their vehicle at all times, well sometimes road conditions are terrible and accidents happen.

As the owners of the property where the tragic accident occurred on February 11, 2012 along with our community we are petitioning for the city of London to install a cable guardrail along the south side of the "Glanworth Curve" section of Wellington Road, reduce the speed limit and put up reflectors that make the curve more noticeable. Something needs to be done to make our backyards safer.

Sincerely,



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Sandy White, Ward 14 Councillor

Joe Preston, MP

Jeff Yurek, MPP

Fire Chief John Kobarda

Police Chief Brad Duncan

Mayor Joe Fontana