

**Date: Monday, October 1, 2016**  
**To: Planning and Environment Committee**  
**From: Maureen Temme, 66 Palmer St.**

**Subject: Application by Cadillac Fairview Corp re zoning change, Masonville Mall.  
PEC agenda item 8, Public Participation Meeting**

**Is there a way for Council to take this application by Cadillac Fairview as an opportunity to have all parties involved look at improving the bus service to Masonville Mall? Specifically, to relocate bus board/drop off to beside the Mall.**

Some years ago the bus board/drop off was moved from right at the Mall to across the parking lot.

Buses need space to move, but people need convenience and safety to be encouraged to ride a bus.

As it is now, riders must cross a zigzag layout parking lot, through moving vehicles, no matter the rain, snow, slush, or humidity ... no matter being a person with mobility or vision impairment, having a stroller or toddlers in tow, and no matter what parcels are being carried. There are no real sidewalks incorporated into the parking lot, and people going directly from point A to B aren't going to keep to what is there.

The current location is inconvenient and potentially dangerous. Surely it has not been helpful in increasing bus use or encouraging reduced personal car trips, goals mentioned in London's transit plans and the London Plan.

The application document item 8 does mention that the overall Masonville area is to be a transit node and part of the rapid transit corridor. So, any changes to zoning at the Mall seem a logical place to begin talking about how people arrive there.

I expect that councillors will ask whether there is a potential tenant with an actual plan for the recreation facilities outlined in the report, and will also ask other practical questions similar to those written in by the neighbours. The recreation percentage of the Mall isn't of great concern to me.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

***Maureen Temme***