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Greetings,

I attended the public meeting Wednesday evening and am sorry I missed the opportunity to speak in person with you Paul, as I was engaged in conversation with James Ramsay (Construction Admin.) at the time as you were leaving.

James suggested I contact you with one of my main concerns, that being said I firmly believe he could (whether he will?) make my suggestion(s) happen regardless of any political process that something like this might "logically" go through.

I strongly recommended that for several reasons - the failing health of the planet, the health of residents, the fact diesel exhaust is categorized as a Class A carcinogen by the WHO, and plain common sense, that a new stricter policy be implemented, contained in the contract and properly communicated, of not allowing any engine idling by the construction machinery, and for that matter any vehicles associated with the construction from supervisors to consultants to city staff. ie. **If the vehicle is not moving and / or actively engaged in work, then the engine must be turned off.**

Period, full stop.

This would also have the added benefit of reducing noise.

I know it thinking outside of the box. But, it is far past time to undertake fresh approaches to business as usual approaches that seemingly keep getting repeated.

I advocate for my neighbourhood, but would like to see all city, provincial, federal projects undertake this simple but transformative policy for the good of one and all.

Maybe London could be a shining example for other cities across the globe. Good ideas get noticed and flourish.

Consider this - it was just announced that by 2025 latest, four major capital cities (Athens, Mexico City, Madrid and Paris) are implementing a complete and total ban on all diesel vehicles within their boundaries.

There is a good reason for this, and we should act now to curb all unnecessary exhaust emissions in all neighbourhoods within our community. This would be a start.

Also, James mentioned that there would be two phases, I am assuming over approximately seven months.

Why not just do it one fell swoop?

To have peace and normalcy restored to the area as quickly as possible seems to me to be much more preferable.

Sure, I have a vested interest living at the crux of both phases, but I have no doubt others would feel the same. Its a small area and Oban and Glen residents are likely gonna use East Mile on a somewhat regular basis, so give me one period of concentrated hell over two periods of much the same.

Lastly, I do hope that the private construction supervisor assigned to this project is supervised himself by city staff, and works diligently toward being finished sooner that later.

So many projects I've witnessed in my travels seem at times to be sadly lacking any real sense of purpose to be completed.

I could cite Sherene Teraace as a prime example of a project dragging on far longer than was by any stretch of the imagination actually necessary.

thanking you both in advance for your reading and replying,

Michael Luce