Further to our previous e-mail, we'd like to add the following pictures as proof of what we've been dealing with all summer:

**Dust from just the morning on our glass table:**
Black Weber BBQ prior to cleaning (followed by a picture after it was cleaned):
Dust cloud as it enters our neighbour's yard. It resembles a haze in front of the trees in the background:

And after the dust cloud entered our yard:
A few hours after cleaning our outdoor table (note my finger smudge to show the difference):

And lastly, just from mowing our lawn, my new black mower looks brown:

If you have any questions regarding the images above, feel free to contact us directly.

Regards,
The Comries

On Thu, Aug 24, 2017 at 5:53 PM, Cory Comrie

Mr. and Mrs. Comrie
To whom it may concern,

We are writing this in Support of Josh Morgan’s letter to the Planning and Environmental Committee regarding the way complaints and issues regarding new developments and the lack of concerns from the developers are currently handled.

We are a family of four and have lived in the Foxfield neighbourhood since December of 2009. This summer has tested our patience both with the development to the west of us and with the city’s lack of action (or inability to take action) with the developer and their apparently non-existent concern for the health of our neighbourhood.

We have dealt with dust in the neighbourhood since we moved here, but never anything like this. Living under a constant cloud of dust is not just unpleasant but unhealthy. We’ve had to keep our windows and doors closed (for the most part) since construction started in the spring. We worry about what might be in the dust seeing as the area was a farmer’s field for decades before development. On days when it is relatively cool, we’d like to be able to open our windows and conserve A/C energy, but if there is a wind, we just can’t do that. It’s very frustrating.

This summer is the first that we have had to inspect the air quality before letting our young children out to play. On most days, as they work constantly Monday through Saturday and even the odd Sunday, we have had to keep our children in or take them to places outside of our neighbourhood to keep them active.

Since the work began in spring, we have had to change the air filter on our furnace monthly, clean out our HRV twice, hose down our air conditioner three times, and clean our deck furniture daily. We haven’t even bothered with the windows on the house because we don’t have the time to do it as much as would be needed to keep them clear.

Simply put, it is wholly unacceptable to not even be able to breathe in our own backyard. If the developer has been fined by the city, we would love to see those public records. So far, we feel that they have done nothing to help alleviate the problem. How many complaints will it take before the city steps up and does something to protect the air we breathe?

We would urge the city to, in the very least, hire enough staff to handle the volume of complaints or start handing out fines to encourage the developers to care about their neighbours. Perhaps make it more cost-effective for them to implement dust control measures than to take the fine? Otherwise, these developers will simply continue to take advantage of a lack of policing.
Please hold the developers and builders responsible for keeping our neighbourhoods clean, both on the ground and in our air.

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. Comrie and Family