

To: Member of the Civic Works Committee

On November 29, 2016 I moved the following motion:

Motion to Approve that, notwithstanding the direction of the City Engineer, and noting that the intersection of South Carriage Road and Hyde Park Road has not yet met the warrant for a traffic signal, the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to proceed with the installation of a traffic signal at this intersection in order to address the unique circumstances of the intersection and the introduction of the school busses in September 2017; it being understood that the cost of the installation of this traffic signal would be covered within the existing budget.; it being noted that the Civic Works Committee received the staff report dated November 29, 2016 and a communication dated November 28, 2016 from D. Szpakowski, Executive Director, Hyde Park Business Association with respect to this matter. (2016-T07)

The motion failed 2-3 at committee. I asked colleagues at Council to defeat the Committee recommendation so that I could introduce the same motion at Council, however, the Committee recommendation was upheld 7-6.

Since that time a both a new school (St. John French Immersion Catholic Elementary School) and significant development has occurred in the area. The calls for a signalized intersection continue to grow and it now includes support from a school community and new residents moving in weekly. This, on top of the petition of 610 residents that was previously collected and submitted.

Earlier this year, I stood at the intersection and took a short video of the school busses attempting to navigate the turn. Upon showing it to our transportation staff, the School Bus Company was contacted and advised that they should instead use the route through the neighbourhood to Coronation Dr and Gainsborough Rd.

The solution is still very simple, install the traffic lights at South Carriage and Hyde Park Road (ideally in time for the next school season). It will be technically warranted in the future so this decision is simply a matter of timing. This is one of those times where Council can made the decision, in the interests of the community notwithstanding our staff's previous advice and report on this. I implore you to listen to the community and make this important change.

Sincerely and Respectfully,

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