

January 28, 2013

Dear London City Council,

Re: Veterans Memorial Parkway Sound Barrier

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Argyle Community Association (and our 900 members), I write this letter in support of residents who live on the west side of Veterans Memorial Parkway (VMP) between Dundas Street and Trafalgar Avenue.

As Council is aware, the VMP is a four lane highway which carries more heavy truck traffic than any other road in London. This level of traffic has increased dramatically since 2005 (when the VMP was expanded by Council to four lanes), and will undoubtedly increase in the coming years as the VMP continues to grow as a main London gateway to the NAFTA highway 401.

There is nothing more personal than one's home, and the residents along the VMP deserve an opportunity to enjoy their homes, just like all other Londoners. Everywhere we look in London where there is significant traffic that interferes with the quality of life of residents we see noise barrier walls erected. Why then are the residents in East London along the VMP not entitled to the same fair treatment?

When the VMP was expanded to four lanes the residents were promised a sound barrier wall, and it is now time for Council to fulfill that promise. We urge you to make the fair and appropriate choice. Do what's right for those living along the VMP and erect a sound barrier wall.

Best regards, Ali Haidar

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