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Subject: Veterans Sound test

Hello,

I have some comments about the sound test done on Veteran's Memorial Parkway, but I would like to point out that this letter showed up on Friday and the letter due back was suppose to be back by the following Monday. That makes sending a letter to you via real mail impossible, and not to many days to get info together to comment on the test but luckily I do have a few comments ready.

I went to the London website to find the test results like the letter said but I could not find it to save my life, is it on there? Maybe putting in the letter a little more instruction on how to find it would be better then just the base site of london.ca.

But apparently according to your letter 3 spots were found to be over the noise limit, how close were the other spots tested to being at the noise limit? And where were the other spots? Because the noise will continue to rise with the addition of more industry at or near the airport and by the highway. Also how many spots were tested? And how can you say that every spot tested truly represents the rest of the area in question?

I was told by my councilor that to fix the areas in question the city was going to improve the berm, what happens when the improvements aren't enough? Or when the area's that didn't make the level do hit the level, what improvements are going to be done then? Why not just fix the problem right the first time and put up a wall, instead of spending a lot of tax payers money and hoping that the areas that failed the test gets fixed with improvements. And when they don't have to put up the wall after and waste double the money that should have been spent.

This road is suppose to be eventually changed to a ring road, when it does that will increase the traffic again and increase the noise again. Then the test will fail again and the wall will have to be put in, at a higher cost then it would be now. So since something will have to be done for parts of the road now, why not fix the problem right and once. Put in the wall for the entire road at the current cost, instead of spending a lot of money to put a temporary band aid on the problem. Then having to spend even more money on a wall in the future at an even higher amount of money.

The city has finally put up signs again about the use of engine brakes for the trucks. But they put them up on the side of the road low down, not at the level of sight of the trucks. I had a hard time seeing them in my car that is low to the ground. Also they are small and blend with the other signs already there, so hard to notice. Yet for the figure skating event the city puts up huge signs in the middle of the road with reflective letters showing which way to go downtown. There is a problem with sound along the road, especially from trucks but when you stick a sign up that is suppose to help. Its low and small so the truck drivers won't see them. What's the point of putting them up?

The road was suppose to have tree's planted to help with the noise. The city finally put up a few, not nearly enough or along the entire area. The block between Admiral and Dundas was started but only half way done. Why only do half the block? And is the rest of the block going to be finished or is that how it's being left?

Lastly how long is the meeting? and do I have to do anything to go? or do I just show up?

Thanks for your help and I hope my points get discussed.
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