

Sonya and Lyndon Anderson



April 27, 2016

Councillor Doug Shipley  
Chair, Committee of Infrastructure, Investment, and Development Services

**Regarding Opposition to the Proposed Permanent Raised Intersection at Stapleton Place and Cumming Drive**

Dear Sir,

We are writing to you on behalf of our family and many of our neighbours. After noticing lines painted on the above noted intersection we called the City of Barrie and have spoken with individuals in the Roads and Engineering Departments to inquire what the lines were for. Through our inquiries we have discovered that a permanent raised intersection is proposed for this intersection as part of a traffic calming measure.

We immediately sent an email out to several of the residents in our neighbourhood and discovered that they had not been informed of this measure, and that they, like our family, have concerns with this project moving forward as proposed.

2 years ago we were asked to complete a traffic study questionnaire looking at a variety of traffic calming options. That is the last time we have had any correspondence from a City of Barrie representative about this issue.

We are attaching responses that we have received back from our neighbourhood survey, and, as you can see, every single respondent is deeply opposed to the permanent raised intersection measures you are proposing. Here is a summary of our concerns:

- 1 We have never been informed by the City of these proposed interventions at this intersection, hence we have been given no opportunity to express our opinions about this project. We feel that this proposed intervention is not the appropriate solution, and we would like the opportunity to discuss various, less costly interventions.
- 2 We have viewed one such structure currently in place on Sandringham Drive in front of Hewitt's Creek Elementary School and witnessed vehicles speeding through the intersection regardless of this measure. We interviewed residents at that location and were told by them that they did not find the traffic calming measures were slowing vehicles down.

- 3 There is a significant cost to this proposed measure (approximately \$74,000.00) vs the cost of 2 stop signs and a cross walk at this intersection (approximately \$1,000.00). What WE propose would save the City of Barrie taxpayers a considerable sum of money and have the same, or better safety outcome.
- 4 The bulk of the complaints regarding speed on Cumming Drive are centred around the Bloom Drive intersections where there are sharp and blind turns in the road and the top of Cumming Drive where there is a very steep hill. These proposed measures do nothing to address those problem areas which means the City will not be satisfying the concerns of those residents, while at the same time inconveniencing and angering the residents who use the intersection at Stapleton Place many times every day.
- 5 The long-term impact this permanent raised intersection will have on our vehicles will be significant and costly due to the repeated uses of this intersection every day.

**We request that this proposed project be immediately halted and we request the opportunity to meet in person with you to discuss these safety concerns and what we consider to be more effective and less costly solutions.**

We note first and foremost that safety is everyone's primary concern. What we ask is that the City of Barrie take into account that we, the residents of of this neighbourhood, have to live on a day to day basis with whatever solution is implemented. It seems unfair to impose upon us a permanent measure that we disagree with in order to deter people who don't live in our neighbourhood from shortcutting through our streets.

We ask, instead, that you consider that as residents of this neighbourhood, who see on a daily basis the reality of the traffic problem, you meet with us to discuss solutions with us in an open forum. With all due respect, the paper survey sent out two years ago did not really solicit the type of feedback that would produce the best solutions for this problem.

This is not a done deal — YOU have the ability to work with the Residents that are directly impacted by this concern to come up with a truly community based solution to this problem. We feel that it is a reasonable expectation that our elected Members of Council and City Officials would be willing to meet with us in a timely fashion to work out a solution that addresses both safety and our concerns at the same time. In essence we are seeking to work with you towards a win win solution.

Sincerely,

Sonya and Lyndon Anderson

To

CC/BCC

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Fw: Urgent Attention is Required!

Hi Sonya,

This doesn't make sense! They just need to put stop signs in. What a waste of tax payer dollars.

Thanks for looking into this.

Heather and Ed Skrt  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 21, 2016, at 1:40 PM, [REDACTED]

Deb Hennig - [Redacted]

To: Sonya Anderson  
CC: Roger Hennig

Hi Sonya,

Roger and I would like to join you in expressing our concern to our Councillor, Michael Prowse and the City of Barrie Traffic Department. Can we request an opportunity to meet with them to discuss the alternatives. I believe we are all very concerned citizens and we all share the same values when it comes to safety above anything else, but would like to challenge whether the proposed permanent raised Intersection is truly fixing the problem, that we all recognize exists. Introducing the narrowing roadway and the permanent speed bumps which we will have to go over many times a day, does not really keep the hundreds of kids truly safe that we watch cross the street from Stapleton to Cummings on a daily basis, to cross for school buses or go to the park to play.

If anyone stands at the corner of Stapleton and attempts to cross the street to go to the park, it becomes very apparent that cars approach very quickly from the left especially given it is a bit of a blind corner, depending on the speed of the cars, and it makes it very unsafe for younger kids to cross as one minute there is no car and then quickly a car can appear.

I appreciate that there are times that the traffic Department does not want to put in a "false stop sign" as I understand the experience has been that cars might tend to roll the stop - I am not sure if that is still the thinking, but again a face to face would educate us all on the reasons why the proposed solution is the chosen one. We do believe that if a stop sign were introduced instead of a raised intersection, anyone who sees a stop sign and especially sees anyone crossing would most definitely be more inclined to come to a complete stop.

We don't feel we have all of the information, but would really appreciate being a part of a solid solution for our great area. We trust that Michael will have the time to meet with any concerned citizen and Sonya, I would suggest we could meet either at our house or if need be, our office, as we have lots of room!

Please keep us informed of your progress and how we can help. Thanks Sonya!



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Roger [REDACTED]

Apr 21 at 6:35 PM ★

To Sonya Anderson

Hi Sonja - we totally agree with you about this!

Cut in rumble strips would be a better reminder for drivers to slow down at both Bloom and Stapleton.

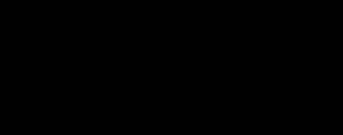
Low profile Spring/Summer/Fall temporary speed bumps on either side of the curve (Cumming at Bloom) would be a much better idea if still needed.

A flashing green (no pedestrians waiting to cross) light at Stapleton that goes yellow then red only once pedestrians have pushed the button and waiting to cross (common in BC) would be a good combination at Cumming/Stapleton and would be a safety improvement for young kids needing to cross the street for the bus or seniors needing to cross to get their mail.

Really hope Michael Prowse will advocate/listen to his constituents on this.

Roger

Roger Hennig  
Action First Aid





**Paul Rosevear**

to me (v)

10:46 AM (5 minutes ago) ☆



To whom it may concern:

I understand the city plans to introduce permanent traffic calming changes on Cumming Dr. near Stapleton Place. I also understand that stops signs have apparently been rejected.

I find the lack of common sense in this matter disturbing. The city of Barrie is going to great lengths to solve a speeding problem. There is a law in place for this. The design of Cumming drive, by nature, provides a throughway for non residents to transit from Ferndale. Did city planning not consider this?

Now there is plans to spend thousands of dollars to remedy law breakers speeding habits. The people on Sanderingham do not see traffic calming effects from there road modifications. Ask them. In the mean time local residents will be subject to these "calming changes" on a daily basis.

Seems that the simplest, and most cost effective, solution gets ignored. A STOP SIGN! After years of debate this simple solution could have been tried. At the very least as a temporary trial.

I urge the city council to bring common sense and fiscal responsibility to the table.

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Paul Rosevear



 V Romaschin

to me 

Apr 27 (2 days ago) ☆



Hi Sonya,

The news that the city is planning to install a permanent raised intersection at the intersection of Stapleton Place and Cumming Dr. is very concerning to us. We would be very opposed to a permanent raised intersection at the intersection of Stapleton and Cumming Dr. As you mentioned, this will become a permanent headache for us with regards to the wear and tear on our vehicles- as 90% of the time we travel in that direction on Cumming Dr. Also, in our opinion it is an irresponsible use of our tax dollars to spend \$50, 000 on a project that could be solved at a much cheaper cost by installing 2 stop signs at the intersection. We share the opinion that a raised intersection will not necessarily solve the speed problem, and it may create additional safety hazards as a narrowed roadway just before a curve in the road could potentially cause an accident.

We have 2 young children and use the park on Cumming at the end of Stapleton very often ( sometimes twice a day) so the speed of cars using Cumming is a safety concern for us. However, we do not feel that the permanent raised intersection would solve this problem, especially at a cost of \$50, 000. We feel that it would be much better for safety and cost to install 2 additional stop signs at the intersection and make it a 3 way stop at the intersection of Cumming and Stapleton.

Thank you for passing along our opposition to this project to the city.

Sincerely,  
Veronica Romaschin & Jason Mackie


● Cappadocia, Sean [REDACTED]

To Sonya Anderson

Apr 21 at 3:18 PM ★

[I am opposed to this as well Sonya. I am also very concerned with the wear and tear on my vehicle.](#)

Thanks for sharing all this info.

**Sean Cappadocia**  
Principal  
Baxter Central Public School  
705-424-9992 ext. 21003

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Apr 21 at 1:45 PM ☆

● Paul Evans [REDACTED]

To Sonya Anderson

Thank you for the heads up, Sonya.

I completely agree with you; the city does not have the right approach.

I would prefer to see stop signs at our intersection and the closest intersection of Bloom and Cumming. I feel this will directly target the two areas of speeding concern with immediate results. We are in a heavy residential area and do not need this thoroughfare traffic.

The city's choice to spend money where it's not necessary concerns me as well.

Add my voice to list.

Paul and Rebecca Evans  
[REDACTED]