

April 4, 2008

Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker
Chair, Public Works & Infrastructure Committee
100 Queen Street West, Suite B31
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Dear Councillor De Baeremaeker:

Re: PW 14.8, Extension of Redlea Avenue from Steeles Avenue East to McNicoll Avenue

I am in receipt of the above mentioned report which is coming up for discussion and approval at the next Public Works & Infrastructure Meeting on April 9, 2008. Due to a scheduling conflict, I will not be able to attend this meeting to endorse the Staff Recommendations and to thank the staff personally for this report.

Passage of this report, will bring new revenue to the City of Toronto with the Phase 2 Expansion of the Splendid China Shopping Mall which is tied to Redlea's extension. In addition, the report addresses the issues of traffic infiltration raised by the Heathwood Community who have expressed concerns with the road extension terminating at Passmore Avenue. An initial extension of Redlea Avenue to McNicoll, with a further connection to Finch Avenue East, will allow for traffic to terminate along a high capacity arterial roadway.

A special **"Thank You!"** to Gary Welsh, Carolyn Johnson, John Kelly, Uwe Mader and their colleagues in their respective departments in getting this proposed roadway extended from its current terminus at the Milliken GO Train Station to McNicoll Avenue.

I would ask the Members of the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee to support the Staff Recommendations as outlined in the report. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mike Del Grande
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City Councillor
Scarborough-Agincourt

Cc: Ros Dyers, Public Works & Infrastructure Committee Secretariat