

Date: November 5, 2012  
To: Members of the Etobicoke York Community Council  
From: Councillor Mark Grimes  
Subject: Request for a Comprehensive Transportation Study

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Mondeléz Canada, a division of Kraft Corporation has announced the impending closure of the Park Lawn/ Lake Shore bakery plant. Formerly known as the Mr. Christie bakery, the plant at 90 Park Lawn Road will be closing in the third quarter of 2013.

Since 1948, the Lakeshore Bakery has stood on this 27-acre site, employing 550 employees, many of whom are local workers. The bakery was originally built to produce the Mr. Christie's line of cookies for the National Biscuit Company (Nabisco). In 1993, Nabisco was acquired by Kraft General Foods, which recently created Canada, which continues to operate the bakery.

The plant is located on a site that is designated and zoned for employment uses. Until the current announcement Kraft had indicated that it would be remaining and continuing to conduct manufacturing on the site. Mondelez has submitted a request for a review of the employment lands designation of their site as part of the Municipal Comprehensive Review/ Official Plan review currently underway.

This area of Etobicoke Lake Shore Ward 6 is an island that has to be accessed by underpasses or bridges due to existing water bodies to the east, west and south and the Gardiner Expressway to the north. This creates a traffic bottleneck, particularly on Park Lawn Rd. The Ontario Food Terminal is a needed business for the health, and security of Toronto's food supply.

Recommendations:

1. That Etobicoke York Community Council request Planning staff to consider the findings and recommendations of the Mimico 20/20 transportation study when evaluating the request for a review of the employment lands designation of the Christie site as this study provides up to date information regarding traffic projections and volumes in the local area, in particular the Lake Shore/ Park Lawn intersection.
2. That City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services, and the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning to undertake a comprehensive transportation master plan to determine the immediate and forecast needs of the community, including the area north to the Queensway and the Ontario Food Terminal, to determine existing traffic patterns and the needs of existing communities and assessing future conditions from a transportation and infrastructure point of view.

Sincerely,



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