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Toronto City Councillor – Ward 23, Willowdale

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To: North York Community Council –City Clerk's Office-Secretariat

From: Councillor John Filion

Subject: Installation of a second pedestrian crossing on Sheppard Avenue West at Senlac Road.

SUMMARY:

The existing configuration of the signalized intersection at Sheppard Avenue West and Senlac Road is comprised of a pedestrian crossing on Sheppard Avenue West located to the west of Senlac Road, and a pedestrian crossing on Senlac Road located to the north of Sheppard Avenue West.

A significant number of children who rely on this crossing are travelling from south of Sheppard Avenue West to either Churchill Public School or Willowdale Middle School. Both schools are located on the east side of Senlac Road. To make this journey, they are required to cross both Sheppard Avenue West and Senlac Road. Further, the upcoming opening of a new school at 1 Botham Road will bring an increase in children crossing Sheppard Avenue West from the north.

Parents in the community have considered this intersection unsafe for many years. Transportation Staff agree that placing a second pedestrian crossing on Sheppard Avenue West to the east of Senlac Road would be a desirable solution to these safety concerns.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That Staff review the installation of a second pedestrian crossing on Sheppard Avenue West at the signalized intersection of Sheppard Avenue West and Senlac Road, and that Staff implement the installation of the required infrastructure as a priority.



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