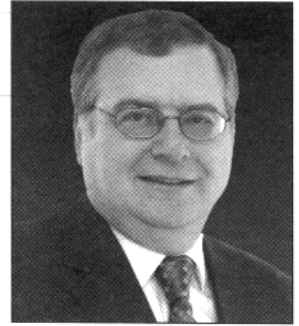


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To: Members of the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

Re: SC20.20 – Traffic Control Signal Study – Pharmacy Avenue and Arnall Avenue (Ward 39)

The November Scarborough Community Council voted unanimously to have traffic lights installed at Pharmacy and Arnall Avenues. This intersection saw the tragic death of two young women on June 14, 2008.

When I took office in 2003, I identified three major concerns. One concern was dealt with quickly, which were unwarranted lights at Kennedy and Havendale Roads. This was needed as this community had no light access in or out of the community and pedestrians were to run across 5 lanes of traffic. The other item was the intersection of McNicoll Avenue and Stonebridge Boulevard. I pointed out that sidewalks were needed because of the safety hazard created by the new road in that sub-division. I had a death on Valentine's Day, 2006. The sidewalk was installed after that death.

In 2004, I requested a traffic study at the Pharmacy and Arnall intersection. The lights were turned down because of the reports' findings. Once again the staff report was not favourable but Scarborough Community Council understood my concern and foreseeing that this problem intersection and there were now two deaths to prove it. This stretch of road has factories on one side and workers get off the bus and cross the road. I have had petitions and angry phone calls from residents who have always indicated this as a problem intersection. I ask the committee to do the right thing and support Scarborough Community Council's unanimous decision.

Thank you

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