October 25, 2011

To: Chair and Members of Etobicoke York Community Council

Re: 140 Cordella Avenue

SUMMARY:

In April 1972 the York Lions Club created a new band for youth called the York Lions Steel Band. The Band, made up of upwards of 30 teenagers between the ages of 12 to 19 and managed by volunteers, provides free opportunities for youth to learn musical skills and to travel. The Band's goals are to provide members with a year-round activity which teaches responsibility, commitment and teamwork. Members are taught musical, leadership and performing skills, and also take part in educational trips and musical performances.

For over ten years Mike Stacey, owner of 140 Cordella Avenue and Managing Director of the York Lions Steel Band has parked the Band's truck in his driveway. Recently, Mr. Stacey was issued a Notice of Violation for parking this vehicle in his driveway as existing by-laws prohibit commercial vehicles from being parked on residential driveways.

The vehicle in question, while classified as a commercial vehicle, is used solely for charitable purposes and residents of the area surrounding 140 Cordella Avenue have stated that they have no objection to the vehicle being parked there.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That Etobicoke York Community Council request the District Manager, MLS to report to the January 10, 2012 meeting, regarding any accommodations that could be made to allow the continued parking of the York Lions Steel Band's truck in the driveway of 140 Cordella Avenue subject to the vehicle's continued use for charitable purposes and Mr. Stacey's continued residence at the property.

Yours Sincerely,

Frances Nunziata
Councillor, Ward 11, York South-Weston