Date: August 23, 2012

To: Members of the North York Community Council

Subject: Installing a Noise barrier on Allen Road by Wilson Heights Boulevard

SUMMARY:

Residents living along Wilson Heights Boulevard have requested a sound barrier be installed on the east side of Allen Road to reduce traffic noise. Wilson Heights Boulevard runs in close proximity to the Allen Road between Goodwill Avenue and Dresden Road. This section of the Allen Road is elevated and the noise from the road travels into the neighbouring communities.

The residents have been advocating for a solution to this issue for many years and attempts at finding an alternative to constructing a sound barrier have not been successful. Noise barriers have been erected in other parts of the city. Trees were planted between the houses and Allen Road between 2005 and 2008 as a possible measure to block the sound. However, the trees suffered from salt damage and were not replaced when they died.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That Community Council request that the General Manager, Transportation Services report on the cost, process and feasibility of installing a noise barrier along Allen Road between Goodwill Avenue and Dresden Road as well as holding a line item for such in the 2014 Transportation Capital Budget.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

James Pasternak,
Councillor, Ward 10