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# **SAVE OUR SENIORS “S-O-S”**

**A humanitarian campaign  
by the Coalition Against the  
TTC McNicoll Bus Garage**

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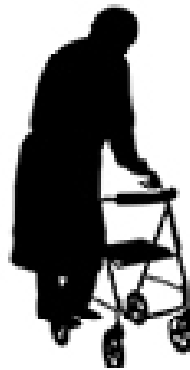


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## Toronto's Bamburgh community

Canada's most recognized geriatric community



Geriatric Facilities	
1980's	Yee Hong nursing facility
1998	Bamburgh Manor condos 70% residents are retired seniors
1999	Villa Elegance A specialized residence designed for seniors
2002	Mon Sheong Long-Term Care Large nursing home
2004	Mon Sheong Court Large seniors residence
2015	Carefirst seniors' services

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## Seniors live their final days in peace, with dignity and care

- Seniors' recreation at L'Amoreaux Community Centre
- Seniors' services at the Scarborough Chinese Baptist Church
- Carefirst geriatric services
- Medical clinics, physiotherapists, geriatric care for seniors



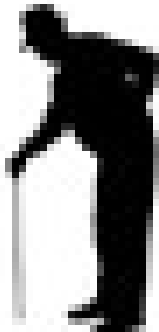
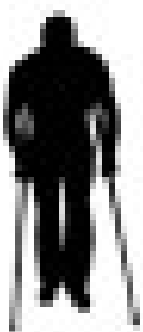
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## The McNicoll bus garage



- 250 super-long bendy buses
- Will operate 24/7, everyday
- 180,000 litres of combustibile diesel in above-ground tanks located beside train tracks
- Diesel is a proven carcinogenic<sup>1</sup>
- 500 additional vehicles for onsite staff, drivers coming to work and cargo trucks



<sup>1</sup> World Health Organization, June, 2012

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## Harm to seniors



- Traffic congestion will delay paramedics rushing to the seniors' residences
- Immobile and disoriented seniors must cross a new high-traffic road (Redlea Ave.), contributing to an epidemic of elderly pedestrian fatalities<sup>2</sup>
- Seniors unable to evacuate if a fuel accident occurs
- Excessive noise from over additional 1,500 vehicles<sup>3</sup>
- Diesel fumes entering geriatric homes 24/7



<sup>2</sup> *Pedestrian fatalities in Toronto hit a 10-year high*, Toronto Star, December 29, 2013

<sup>3</sup> 250 buses + 500 employee vehicles + 20 cargo, fuel, supply vehicles = 770 vehicles, X2 for entering and exiting = 1,540 vehicle daily

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## We need answers

- How did the TTC complete traffic studies without contacting any adjacent buildings?
- How did the TTC determine the safety of their above-ground fuel tanks?
- Why is the TTC not addressing concerns raised by environmental expert Dr. Karen Fung about their Novus Environment report?
- Why is the TTC refusing to address emergency evacuation for the adjacent nursing home?
- How could the noise impact study conclude insignificant additional noise from over 1,500 additional vehicles next to a nursing home?
- Why is the TTC refusing to consider safer, cheaper and better garage locations?

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**We urge our City Councillors to...**

**DEFER THE GARAGE**

**...until answers are received**



**For the sake of our vulnerable seniors who are living their final days**