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Attention: Yvonne Davies, Committee Secretariat

Dear Ms. Davies:

**Re: Traffic Control Signals - Milliken Boulevard South of Passmore Avenue**  
**Agenda Item: SC11.11**

The Scarborough Chinese Baptist Church ("SCBC") is in full support of the captioned Agenda Item SC11.11, which has been scheduled for the Scarborough Community Council meeting on January 19, 2016.

SCBC is the owner of the property at 3223 Kennedy Road, which is located on the east side of Kennedy Road south of Passmore Avenue (the "Property"). The church currently has a congregation of 2,300 members and continues to grow, at a rate of approximately 100 additional members each year.

In addition to regular worship services on Sundays, which are attended by a total of approximately 2,000 persons, the church building is regularly used throughout the week for a series of other religious and community-based activities, including: English as a Second Language classes for newcomers, seniors' and youths' drop-in centres, free gym nights and dance classes for local residents, a blood donor clinic and a food bank.

The Community Council is certainly aware that the approved Milliken Boulevard (formerly named Redlea Avenue) between Passmore Ave. and McNicoll Ave. has, through the City's expropriation, splits the SCBC property into two, leaving the church building on one side and the majority of our parking spaces (approx.. 420 spaces) on the east side of Milliken.

As a result, SCBC has in the past repeatedly expressed to the City its serious concerns regarding pedestrian safety issues arising from the fact that the majority of SCBC's parking area is now physically separated from the church building by the new road, and that a large portion of SCBC's members are children and elderly, many of whom have limited mobility. Further, the nearest signalized intersection would be located approximately 320 metres north of the Property, at Passmore Avenue. It is therefore not reasonable to expect our members and visitors to park on the east side of the new road, walk 320 metres north to Passmore Avenue, cross the new road, and then walk another 320 metres south on the west side of the new road to reach the entrance of the church building.

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We are very pleased that the City staff in compiling their report on Agenda Item SC11.11 (ref. P:\2015\Cluster B\TRA\Scarborough\sc1601.docx, D15-7231506 – Milliken Boulevard pedestrian signals), has accepted the technical findings of a Pedestrian and Parking Area Assessment from the transportation engineering firm, BA Group Transportation Consultants (“BA Group”), retained by SCBC. The Staff Report has agreed that the volumes of pedestrian crossings between the church building and the parking lot (even 3 years ago) justify the installation of traffic control lights, and recommends that Scarborough Community Council approve such installation in order to address pedestrian safety.

Additionally, we met with our Ward Councillor Jim Karygiannis on January 12, 2016 and he has expressed his full support for the staff recommendation.

Construction of the new road has begun in September last year and we understand from City staff that the road is expected to be completed and open for traffic in the fall of 2016. Thus, SCBC requests that the traffic control signals are in place upon the opening of the new road, and urges the Community Council to adopt the staff recommendation.

We would most appreciate if this letter is distributed to the Community Council chair and all the Councillors in advance of the meeting on January 19, 2016.. Members of SCBC will be in attendance at this Council meeting, to affirm their support and to address any questions that members of Council may have. If there are any questions that we can address in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours truly,



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Chair, Board of Directors  
Scarborough Chinese Baptist Church

CC Councillor Jim Karygiannis, Ward 39