

November 9, 2020

Dear Scarborough Community Council,

SUBJECT: Imagining 21st Century Employment Areas – Request for a Planning and Transportation Study for the Coronation Drive Employment Area

Things have changed in the Coronation Drive Employment Area. Historically, factories and heavy industries in the area were supported by the nearby rail corridor. Over time, residential neighbourhoods were built up around this industrial area. With the rail corridor now primarily dedicated for passenger rail service, industries in the area are now predominately supported by trucks via local access roads. Recent development proposals within this employment area would intensify truck trips moving goods past schools, private residences and parks. This increase in heavy vehicle traffic has the potential to create conflicts with the residential makeup of the surrounding area including conflicts related to noise, increased heavy vehicle traffic, and pollution concerns.

I have heard from many residents in Ward 25 Scarborough Rouge-Park about this increase in heavy duty vehicles on their residential streets. This has raised the important question: What might an industrial area adjacent to a residential area look like in the twenty-first century? Can this employment area support ideas, innovation and economic development while balancing the traffic and environmental concerns of local communities?

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Request the Director, Community Planning Scarborough District to:

- 1) Undertake and report back in Q2 2021 on a study of the Coronation Drive Employment Area that:
 - a. Inventories current applications and development proposals in the employment area;
 - b. Reviews existing and permitted uses in the Coronation Drive Employment Area; and
 - c. Identifies potential adverse impacts of permitted uses on nearby sensitive land uses and determines how to best address potential conflicts as a result of any potential adverse impacts.

- 2) In consultation with the General Manager, Economic Development and Culture, report back in Q2 2021 on a consultation framework for the Coronation Drive Employment Area, that would include area businesses and residents, to understand the current challenges and future opportunities for this employment area; and
- 3) In consultation with the General Manager of Transportation Services, undertake a review of existing, and potential additional development-generated, trucking and goods movement to and from the area in the AM, PM, and off peak hours on the local street network and report back in Q2 2021 on recommendations to minimise impact on surrounding neighbourhoods.