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SCARBOROUGH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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RE: File #SC23.28 Pedestrian Crossing Protection – Morrish Road & Euclid Avenue

Dear Esteemed Scarborough Community Councillors:

As Trustee for the Toronto Catholic District School Board, Ward 8 Scarborough for almost nine years, and a Highland Creek resident for more than 20 years, this important safety matter is near and dear to me, my family, and the community around us.

I respectfully request that Council take into immediate consideration the crucial requirement of a Pedestrian Crossing Protection installation at Morrish Road and Euclid Avenue, similar to the one installed in front of Morrish Public School. The subject crosswalk is directly in front of Cardinal Leger Catholic Elementary School, a school in my Ward. To avoid going onto Ellesmere Road, this crosswalk is heavily relied upon by students, parents and residents, including the vulnerable seniors living East of Morrish Road, to gain access to the Highland Creek Library, convenience stores at Morrish and Ellesmere, St. Joseph Church, and other community facilities in the area.

On April 21, 2017, a 6-year-old kindergarten boy was fatally struck by a vehicle near the intersection of Canmore Blvd. and Halfmoon Square, on his way home from Morrish Public School. Today brings back painful and sad memories to the very same neighbourhood residents on the fourth anniversary of this tragic grief-stricken incident.

As a result of this unfortunate accident and loss, the Scarborough Community Council adopted By-law [1376-2017](#) to install a new Pedestrian Crosswalk Protection in front of Morrish Public School on November 14, 2017, that was enacted and passed by City Council on December 8, 2017. We all know accidents happen. If we can do something now to prevent another tragedy, wouldn't that be worth more than the estimated \$100k?

The Pedestrian Crosswalk Protection installation would be the most prudent proactive approach rather than the reactive after-the-fact approach in contemplating the merits of the crosswalk protection.

I trust that I speak on behalf of my fellow community and parent council leaders, school administrators, and community members when I say that the safety and well-being of all our children, parents, staff, seniors, and the community residents is more than worth the cost of this very important public safety initiative.

Thank You and God Bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Garry Tanuan".

Garry Tanuan, Trustee Ward 8