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VIA EMAIL

**Re: TE32.66 - All-way stop at St Mark's Road (HILL) and Humbercrest Road (sic)**

Hello,

I am writing to express my opposition to my Councillor's recommendation of installing an All-way stop at St Marks Rd. and Humbercrest Blvd. Please note that the Councillor fails to identify that this would be a five-way stop. He also does not clearly identify that this is a steep hill.

The Councillor's office first advised me and the community that this item was proceeding to TE Council on April 13, 2022. He failed to engage the community and has never officially advised or engaged the Warren Park Ratepayers Association in this very important discussion. In his email the Councillor suggests that Toronto Traffic Engineers have made this decision. How can they make a decision without the advising and consulting the community? I have lived in Warren Park for 58 years. I have actively participated in community groups. When there was a consideration to change the traffic plan a meeting was held, the Councillor was present, City engineers were present and a full discussion evolved. Again, I can not stress enough none of this has taken place.

I am not sure that the geography of the hill we are talking about has been clearly explained. Unfortunately, I believe that the issue has been minimized by the Councillor. St. Marks Hill is very steep. It is a very steep incline which runs east/west from Jane to the bottom and then it curves to run north/south on Varsity. It is too steep for the local bus and most bicycle traffic walks up it. In the winter it can be treacherous with cars routinely getting stuck and having to back down. Forcing people to stop at the top and then lining cars up on the hill will make it dangerous. In the late winter there were five separate car accidents on the hill because the city did not attend to it quickly enough. It is also the only hill out of the valley that does not currently have a stop sign. In the winter it is the choice of many because even though the

grades on the other hills out of the valley though not as steep they are difficult to ascend because of a required stop. Warren Park is a true valley. The only way in/out is a hill. Furthermore, there will be construction commencing shortly at Old Dundas and Humber Hill. Although the Councillor has guaranteed that traffic will not be blocked, one can hypothesize that construction of a multi storey apartment building will produce construction vehicles. They will not be able to park on Dundas St.

Warren Park is an oddity in Parkdale- High Park and it is frustrating for this community as our issues rarely reflect the rest of the Council's geographical domain. I am requesting that council not vote to accept the Councillor's suggestion that the intersection requires a 5 way stop and send the item back for a comprehensive study and in person discussion with the community. I further echo my neighbour's recommendations:

- the issue be sent to the community for in-person, open, broader consultation;
- in the meantime, the current STOP signs be enhanced with clear wording "only Humbercrest Blvd stops";
- a convex safety mirror be installed on the southwest corner boulevard to eliminate the blind spot.

Thank you for reading my letter. I look forward to abroad based in person community consultations and meeting on the issue.

Best regards,  
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