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October 24th, 2023

Dear Members of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee:

RE: Chesswood Construction Project

City Council direct the General Manager, Transportation to conduct a site/project inspection of the corner of Chesswood Drive and Sheppard Avenue West and work with the local contractor to accelerate remaining work and open that intersection to two way traffic to Finch Avenue. Alternatively, the General Manager should facilitate the opening of two way traffic from Chesswood Drive and Sheppard Avenue to at least Steeprock Drive, while facilitating turns to and from Steeprock Drive.

The Road Resurfacing of Chesswood Drive from Sheppard Avenue to Finch Avenue West (21ECS-TI07MR) has been a fiasco. It has been marked by unjustified lane closures, the abandonment of the construction site for weeks on end, the unannounced closure of commercial driveways, general lack of communication with local businesses and a great drain of resources on the local Councillor's office.

Two meetings including one town hall with local businesses had to be organized by the local Councillor and repeated requests to reopen the right hand turn lane at Chesswood Drive and Sheppard Avenue have been ignored. Numerous requests to accelerate curb work at Chesswood and Sheppard Avenue and to open two way traffic from Sheppard Avenue to Steeprock Drive have also been ignored. Local businesses, notably small retail and food and beverage, restaurants and other large trucking companies have been seriously compromised.

RECOMMENDATIONS:


1. City Council direct the General Manager, Transportation to conduct a site/project inspection of the corner of Chesswood Drive and Sheppard Avenue West and work with the local contractor to accelerate remaining work and open that intersection to two-way traffic to Finch Avenue.
2. City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services, to facilitate the opening of two way traffic from Chesswood Drive and Sheppard Avenue to at least Steeprock Drive, while facilitating turns to and from Steeprock Drive, until the work described above is completed.

Sincerely,


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