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Infrastructure and Environment Committee
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Road Safety Improvements on Scarborough Golf Club Road to be presented for approval at committee on April 26, 2023

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Mon, Apr 24, 2023 at 6:15 PM

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Hello Herb, all

I've spoken with my colleagues about the changes and why the recommendations you made were not adopted. Herb, I know I previously said that stop signs could be added to the project later, and that what is being presented is conceptual. While the latter is true, I have been informed that we cannot/do not install stop signs on arterial roads.

Regarding the decision to install the two-way cycle track on the west side of the road, I can assure you that the team considered the recommendation to install on the east side. The decision to install on the west side was arrived at, as staff believe it is the safer option for cyclists and people driving. If it were placed on the east side, cars would be pulled closer to where your driveway is located. By installing it on the west side, the road is narrowed and it will slow cars heading south. It would also improve sightlines, as it puts cars heading south further into the roadway where they can be seen by vehicles entering your premises while traveling north, or exiting south.

I know this is not the ideal outcome you'd hoped for, but I hope this clears things up a bit.

Best Regards

Dominic Cobran (he/him)

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Good Evening:

Re: Scarborough Golf Club Road

Attached is an update from Dominic Cobran (City of Toronto) regarding the "Road Safety Improvements" for Scarborough Golf Club Road. There is nothing here for us to be positive about.

Highlights of the proposed design include a protected two-way cycle track on the west side of Scarborough Golf Club Road (SGCR) road between Confederation Drive and Kingston Road.

While the Public Consultation Report available at www.toronto.ca/sgcrroadsafety references the "significant concerns" expressed by the Masaryk Memorial Institute and the over 70 people that signed the petition there is nothing in the report or recommendations addressing these significant road safety concerns.

MMI and the 77 people from MPH / MTR / Prague Restaurant that signed the petition requested two specific items.

- **To install STOP SIGNS at the intersection with SGCR.**

There is no mention anywhere in the report of our request for installation of stop signs.

- **That the bicycle lanes be located on the EAST SIDE of SGCR.** The City proposal is to locate the bicycle lanes on the west side of SGCR. The Stage 2 public consultation (January 30, 2023 to February 20, 2023) attracted 45 people to the in-person drop-in event and 136 survey responses were received along with people providing comments by mail, phone and email. Unfortunately, the 77 people that signed the MMI petition were not sufficient to convince the planners to address the safety concerns of our community.

As part of the approval process, City staff will report to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee of City Council on April 26, 2023. Members of the public can arrange to speak or submit comments to the Committee. I do not have time on April 26 to attend a meeting at City Hall but may submit further comments by email. Please advise if you have any thoughts on the proposed design and our response. Thank you.

Herb

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¹ Please note, I am not forwarding the signed petition. It provides names, unit numbers and email addresses which were previously forwarded to the city. I wish to respected people's confidentiality by limiting distribution.

It is very disappointing to see millions of dollars being recommended as expenditures to create bicycle lanes that few cyclists use² while the significant road safety concerns for hundreds of residents, guests, and visitors at Masaryktown fail to be addressed.

The Masaryk Memorial Institute requests that the Infrastructure and Environment Committee direct city staff further investigate traffic flow at the intersection of SGCR and Masaryktown and work with us to reduce the safety hazards. Simply disregarding our concerns on account of this being an arterial road is not an acceptable solution.

I am prepared to meet with you to discuss further.

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² The public consultation provided no statistics on the actual number of cyclists that use Scarborough Golf Club Road on a regular basis. My personal observations and anecdotal information suggest that there are few cyclists on this road.



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February 18, 2023

Re: Scarborough Golf Club Road Road Safety Improvements

This letter in response to the proposed road safety improvements that were presented in the public consultation leaflet dated January 19, 2023.

OUR RECOMMENDATIONS

We appreciate the opportunity to comment and would like to propose the following solutions which we believe are cost-effective and would address hazards which we identify below.

- Install STOP SIGNS on Scarborough Golf Club Road (hereafter SGCR) at the intersection of the road into Masaryktown. In effect this would create a three way stop. Motorists leaving from Masaryktown would no longer need to be as concerned about speeding cars or reduced sight lines of vehicles coming uphill / northbound along SGCR since all vehicles would be required to come to a full stop.
- We also recommend that THE BICYCLE LANES BE LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF SGCR. This would reduce traffic hazards for residents, businesses and visitors to Masaryktown, while achieving the objective of enabling cyclists to use a protected lane.

WHO WE REPRESENT

We are writing on behalf of the residents and businesses that access SGCR from Masaryktown. This includes the following and are shown on the attached map:

Masaryk Park Homes: A six-story apartment building located at 452 Scarborough Golf Club Road consists of over 70 units for elders (55 and over).

Masaryktown Residences: A five-storey rental building located at 450 A&B Scarborough Golf Club Road with 90 plus family apartments and a one-storey building with 20 smaller apartments.

The Prague Restaurant: A wonderful restaurant serving traditional and eclectic meals that is open to the public as well as catering to corporate and social functions.

Masaryk Memorial Institute: A non-profit organization whose mission is to preserve and celebrate Czech and Slovak culture and history. We organize annual events for our community such as the Czech and Slovak Festival which in June 2022 attracted 400-500 people. In addition, the park is rented to Corporations or private individuals for picnics and weddings.

OUR CONCERNS ABOUT THE HAZARDS OF THE CURRENT PROPOSAL

On any given day there will be hundreds of vehicles that enter onto SGCR from Masaryktown. There are also school buses that access SGCR from the Masaryktown Residences. This maneuver – accessing onto SGCR - is not without safety hazards and is challenging given that sightlines are obstructed. Adding and encouraging bicycles on SGCR will only exacerbate the hazards.

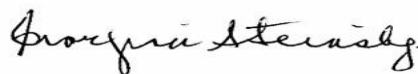
For example,

- Turning north from Masaryktown Park, the sightline for seeing oncoming southbound traffic is poor, especially as there are often parked vehicles on the west side of SGCR.
- One of the biggest problems are the drivers who speed northbound between the railway tracks and Confederation Drive. Cars often are travelling not only at great speed but also uphill which makes them less visible while passing our entrance onto SGCR.
- The sightlines are worse in winter when snow removal operators pile up snow right at the edge of the intersection on both sides of the road into Masaryktown Park.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the road safety improvements and I hope for a successful resolution to ensure road safety for all. If you have other suggestions for improving road safety for our residents and visitors, we are open to discuss these with you. I am available by email or please contact me at (416) 528-2140.

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Prague Restaurant, c/o M. Sulganova
Paul Ainslie, Councillor for Scarborough Guildwood.

Attachments:

Map of 450 / 452 - Scarborough Gold Club Road; residences and businesses that have expressed concerns about road safety.

Signed petitions about road safety from residents at Masaryk Park Homes, Masaryktown Residents and concerned citizens that frequently visit Masaryktown.



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Scarborough Golf Club Road - area of traffic safety concern for residents of the Masaryk Park Homes, Masaryktown Residences, Prague Restaurant and the Masaryk Memorial Institute.

<https://www.google.com/maps/@43.7554364,-79.2148783,330m/data=!3m1!1e3>