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Dear Members of North York Community Council:

**NY12.2 - Lawrence Avenue West and Rosewell Avenue - Turn Prohibition**

North York Community Council Meeting, 2 April 2024

**The Lytton Park Residents' Organization has concerns that removal of the turning restriction could increase road traffic and decrease safety around the three local schools bordering on Rosewell Avenue.**

The Lytton Park Residents' Organization (LPRO) is an incorporated non-profit association, representing residents living in the area bounded by Lawrence Avenue West to Roselawn and Briar Hill Avenues, Yonge Street to Saguenay and Proudfoot Avenue. Rosewell Avenue is within the LPRO catchment area.

The turn restriction at Rosewell and Lawrence Ave is there to prevent traffic intrusion from northbound Avenue Road through the neighbourhood and by the school areas. Removing the turn restriction could encourage drivers going north on Avenue Road to use Rosewell and the side streets to avoid the Avenue Road/Lawrence intersection, as is done now by countless drivers using Chatsworth to avoid the Yonge/Lawrence intersection.

The February 5, 2024, Report from the Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services, in its list of conditions on Rosewell Avenue, mentions only Havergal College Junior School. It is our understanding that the removal was requested to benefit the Havergal community. Havergal, however dismisses students at 3:30 and the turn restriction is in effect from 4 to 6pm. The removal of the turn restriction should have no impact on Havergal traffic, but does have the potential to increase neighborhood traffic infiltration. Removing the turn restriction could have negative consequences for the Lytton Park neighbourhood.

The Traffic Management Report omits three other schools located between Glengrove Ave and Lawrence Ave, namely Lawrence Park Collegiate Institute, Glenview Senior Public School, and John Ross Roberson Jr Public School. Many school children are in that neighbourhood on their way to and from school.

A Globe & Mail newspaper article from October 1952 (attached) describes parents' concerns about increased Rosewell Avenue road traffic on the safety of schoolchildren. We continue to have these concerns.

We have not seen any data suggesting that removal of this turn restriction will not increase traffic infiltration onto Glenview, Glengrove and Glencairn Avenues, as motorists use Rosewell to avoid a backup at the Avenue Road-Lawrence Ave intersection

Sincerely,

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President, Lytton Park Residents' Organization

c: Councillor Mike Colle

Att. *Parents Fight Proposal To Open Deadend Road*

The Globe and Mail (1936-); Oct 1, 1952; ProQuest Historical Newspapers: The Globe and Mail, pg. 4

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## Parents Fight Proposal To Open Deadend Road

Fearing a traffic hazard will be created for their children, parents of pupils attending John Ross Robertson Public School will appear before the works committee today to protest any move to extend Rosewell Ave.

About 1,000 pupils from the public school and Lawrence Park Collegiate use the quiet street four times a day going to and from their schools.

Their parents fear it will become a busy artery if it is extended.

A new housing subdivision is planned just north of the area, on land recently bought from Havergal College. The builder wants to link up Rosewell Ave. with a new street he will build south from Lawrence Ave. Accommodation for more than 100 families is planned.

The public school is on the northeast corner of Rosewell and Glen-grove Aves. Rosewell continues north into the ravine which separates the school from the collegiate playing field and ends with a barricade at Cheritan Ave., which comes in from the east.

About 500 pupils pour out of the west door of John Ross Robertson School into the street when they are dismissed. An equal number of collegiate students use the street as a short-cut to their school.

Parents who belong to the JRR Home and School Club and Neighborhood Club have already been to the provincial planning board to fight their case. They were successful in having the board stipulate that the new street to be built south from Lawrence Ave., will be a boulevard, with each lane 18 feet wide, separated by a 12-foot grass strip, to discourage speeding.

As matters now stand, this new road will link up with Cheritan Ave., and will thus naturally lead into Rosewell.

Ald. Reilly brought the situation to the attention of the works committee four weeks ago and Planning Commissioner LeMay said he would investigate.

"But Mr. LeMay is in favor of making Rosewell a through street," Mrs. John Ross, president of the Home and School Club, said yesterday. "He said so at the municipal board. We're afraid that not only the people who live in the new subdivision would use the road, but people who want to get around the traffic lights on Avenue Rd."

If Mr. LeMay does recommend in favor of making it a through street, the delegation will be on hand to protest.

Principal Howard Welsh confirmed the fears of the parents and said he, too, was fearful of what might happen.

"We want to keep Rosewell a dead end street," Mr. Welsh said. "Beyond doubt it would be a hazard if extended."

The land was offered for sale by Havergal College last spring. It formed the eastern boundary of the Havergal campus. Board of education was apparently not interested in buying the land to extend the Lawrence Park playing field and it was bought by Reuben R. Dennis, contractor who erected the modernistic apartment buildings on the west side of Avenue Rd.

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