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Subject: [External Sender] My comments for 2024.SC16.20 on September 19, 2024 Scarborough Community Council
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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the September 19, 2024 Scarborough Community Council meeting on item 2024.SC16.20, Meadowvale Road and Rotary Drive - Traffic Control Signals

I understand that my comments and the personal information in this email will form part of the public record and that my name will be listed as a correspondent on agendas and minutes of City Council or its committees. Also, I understand that agendas and minutes are posted online and my name may be indexed by search engines like Google.

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To whom it may concern:

Re: Reinstating Bus stop

I believe the argument for reinstating the bus stop is quite compelling despite the quoting of, and rigid adherence to, the TTC Service Standard. I am asking to reinstate a stop that was previously in place. There were two petitions by residents in that area who felt that a major service was removed from them, reflecting how upset the residents of the area are of the removal of that stop. Furthermore those same standards require that the distances specified between stops meet a reasonableness test, and not merely be a to the letter observance. It seems quite unreasonable to force the type of customers of the TTC who live in the area to have such an arduous walk out of the blue. Objectively it may fall within your 10 minute max limit if your projection of an 8.3 minute walk is accurate (which we the residents in the area reject, as I can assure you that for the elderly in that area who make frequent use of that stop, it will take more than that), but subjectively even an 8.3 minute walk can be a barrier to accessible transport given the makeup of the residents in the area. I am aware that the City and the TTC like everyone else have budgetary constraints, but the fact is you are making those who can least likely afford this additional burden to bare it. The residents have paid far more in taxes over the decades they have lived in this neighbourhood, than the cost of reinstating this service.

During this petition process, I repeatedly heard from seniors in the area about how far the bus stop is and how much more challenging it is during the winter. Many seniors' children are now grown and have fulfilled their obligations in this neighborhood, so seniors are left to navigate this on their own. The stop was removed, forcing individuals between Meadowvale and the major intersection to walk much farther. Some residents built gates in their backyards to save

time in the morning, only to find themselves having to walk an additional 15 minutes to reach the bus stop. This situation does not benefit the community but is in fact a detriment to us. Once again it appears that seniors and the older voters voices or concerns does not matter that much. I assure you if this is the case then our votes will not be a matter you need concern yourself with as well.

We hope for a reconsideration on this and appreciate your help with this matter.

Sincerely,

M Severin and community