

Don Valley West

for ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

April 8, 2025

Re: IE20.12 Breathing Easier During Construction

To the City Clerk:

Please add our comments as linked letter to the agenda for the April 9, 2025 Infrastructure and Environment Committee meeting on item 2025.IE20.12. Breathing Easier during construction.

We are residents of Ward 15 and members of the Don Valley West for Environmental Action. Our goal is to help build a greener, healthy and sustainable future.

We are supportive of Dianne Saxe's recommendation to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee to compel property owners to use effective dust control measures during commercial and multi-residential construction and demolition projects. In Don Valley West, we are concerned that dust generated at such construction sites is having a negative impact on our respiratory health.

We are aware that certain categories of dust may be considered less injurious than others and hence, are not subject to rigorous regulation. But even the so called "nuisance" dust produced at construction sites is associated with worsened respiratory health for those who have pre-existing disease, such as asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). The small particles found in nuisance dust can be inhaled deeply into the lung and potentially enter the blood stream to cause other chronic diseases. Therefore, property owners should be compelled to employ dust mitigation measures at commercial and residential sites.

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

Respectfully

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