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Subject: RE: Petition requesting Montgomery Drive Cul-de-sac

Dear Council Members and Mr. Marra:

First my apologies for not including Councillor Riccio-Spagnuolo, as I could not find an email for her.

I am writing in opposition to the idea of making the north end of Montgomery Drive a cul-de-sac. While I absolutely agree that there are MAJOR traffic concerns on our road, I don't believe closing the north end to be a viable solution.

There must be something else that can be done to satisfy the safety concerns of our residents in the area, while allowing access to our community from more than one direction.

I know in the past, a temporary speed bump mat was tried. While it slowed traffic at that point, it didn't seem to be a viable long term solution as there was only 1 and it was lifted for the winter months. Also, once vehicle crossed it they just hit the gas and sped off.

I feel that some of the options below should really be explored further:

- A right turn lane off of Highway 3. Due to the 401 entrance being just past Montgomery, my personal experience has been that drivers do not know whether you are turning onto Montgomery or signaling to enter the 401 on ramp. It makes slowing to take the turn dangerous as often those behind you are not. I would invite the MTO to try and take that turn with a vehicle racing up behind you.
- Adjusting the pedestrian path to improve line of sight. There are just too many things that a driver needs to focus on when turning onto or off on Montgomery. The angle and grade of the pedestrian path, particularly southbound makes it very difficult to see joggers or cyclists approaching the intersection. Add time of day, lighting (or lack of) and traffic to this and its an accident waiting to happen.
- Permanent speed bumps ... yes more than one! Or some other viable solution to slow traffic down. I know a roundabout had been discussed previously near Surrey. Viable options exist. Let's explore them!
- Reaching out to navigation programs to not have Montgomery shown as the fastest route to to Hwy 3/401. A big ask, but it would reduce traffic to the area greatly.

With the new addition of the bus route to our community I would really hate to see Montgomery closed. This is a great asset and with the diverse population of our community a much needed value add service.

In addition, I feel like only having one general access point (Howard/6th Concession) to the area is an unnecessary additional challenge to emergency services and their ability to respond promptly.

The concerns of my fellow neighbors are absolutely justified and shared by myself. But I feel like a viable, safe solution can be attained without closing the north end of Montgomery. And I hope the Town of Lasalle agrees and will work to ensure that Oliver Farms maintains itself as a safe community with a solution that works for all.

Regards
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