

February 2, 2019

Corporation of the Town of LaSalle

RE: Petition requesting north end of Montgomery Drive become a cul-de-sac

ATTENTION: Town Council

Dear Sir/Madame:

This letter is to express **my extreme opposition** to the above noted petition. As a resident of Oliver Estates since 2002, I offer the following reasons. They are in no particular order as I believe there are many stakeholders involved and each will see the issue from their perspective.

- Since birth of the Herb Gray Parkway the area has had to adapt to multiple changes. The subdivision lost exit accesses from Grosvenor and Surrey. The Montgomery exit provides excellent access to Highways #3 and 401. Closing this forces use of Howard Avenue or Montgomery at 6th Concession.
- Howard Avenue traffic has **increased significantly** as most travellers use the bypass versus the round-about route. Regarding concern over traffic flow this is contrary to what was “sold” to the neighbourhood by the Parkway group.
 - Adding to this is the frequency of “funeral” traffic destined to Heavenly Rest Cemetery. With all due respect this can be a daily occurrence and considerable with cars backed up as far as the 401 overpass.
- With entry at Highway #3, Montgomery Drive recently became a bus route with two stops servicing the surrounding area.
- Limiting access also will force traffic to use Heritage Drive (via 6th Concession) to access Highway #3 thus imposing on that residential neighbourhood.
- Traffic has increased in the surrounding area (Howard bypass and 6th Concession) due to the residents in 300 plus homes built on 6th Concession adjacent to Heritage Alliance Church. This number is going to double again in the near future as approval for another 300 plus is granted.
- Additional expenditures to change recent changes made by the creation of the Parkway. I am cognizant there are justifiable safety complaints/concerns regarding the Montgomery exit as a turning lane was not provided for east bound traffic. Residents were advised the engineers for the Parkway did not believe a turning lane was necessary.

In conclusion, in my opinion making the Montgomery exit a cul-de-sac would result in Oliver Estates being **“BOXED IN”** on 3 sides of major traffic avenues.

I extend my thanks to town council and all stakeholders involved for your time and consideration in this matter.

Yours truly,

Barbara Sanders/Robert Soccini

cc: Councilman Jeff Renaud