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CLOSE MOUNT ALBION ROAD.

Councillor Chad Collins Ward 5,

Dear Chad,

We have been in contact a number of times regarding closing of the above road. You have also witnessed the horrendous traffic problem we face such as VOLUME, SPEED, NOISE, SAFETY, & REAL ESTATE VALUE.

Some have given the following reasons to keep it open.

We always go that way.
It is easy for us to make the turn from Paramount Rd to Mt Albion.
It is a 4 lane Hwy and it is quick. (not a 4 lane from Greenhill South)
From Stoney Creek I don't take 20 Hwy I use Mt Albion.
The latest is there will be too much Traffic & Speed on the Red Hill Express Way.
That person lives on secluded, Thunderbird Ct. maybe 10 blocks from Mt Albion
1or2 total cars pass his house in a month, obviously he has not driven our Indy 500.
How are the people going to get up the hill when they use the Parkdale Bus. We had the opportunity to check this, on 7 occasions the bus was empty on 3 trips there was a total of 4 people.

With 300/500 homes being built on the East Mountain, you think the Traffic is bad now just wait. There is" NO GUARANTEE THAT THEY WILL TAKE THE RED HILL EXPRESSWAY "if Mt Albion is left open.
You are no doubt aware that the City does not own the property at the top of the hill. And is owned by two developers, I hope no one would be trying to extend that deal.
The following is a list of items we have investigated and pass the findings for your file.

VOLUME; We have found that after monitoring Mt Albion Rd there is a constant, steady flow of cars, light trucks, we stood the other day, after counting 250 vehicles in a short time we quite counting. Recently we have spotted more 18
Wheelers since when did we allow them on this road. On Feb6/07 8:26 am Red Flatbed unloaded up Mt Albion, Feb8/07 10:28am Burnbrae Transport, over the speed limit followed north bound though school district ( 2 ) St Luke Church to King St & then Parkdale Ave. Feb9/07 6:45am White Truck going too fast to catch lettering. Canada Garage has been on the road a number of times .You can actually hear them coming. Mt Albion Rd in reality is becoming one of the busiest roads in the area from Greenhill to the top of the hill. From the heavy volume we get more DIRT, GRIME & SALT. WE WOULD LIKE PEOPLE TO THINK OF THE ADDITIONAL FUMES THEY ARE EXPELLING IN THIS AREA.

SPEED; Cars have been clocked by us at over 75km, passing in the inside lanes going up and down. We have followed school busses with children in them at that speed. ( Laidlaw ) on a number of occasions most travel at 65/69km. We had contacted the Police regarding the speed of the traffic, they told us they concentrate on the area with the most accidents like Ottawa /King/Main. They may come once and a while at 10:15am or 3:00pm. When we called they said we had to request a specific time, and we can't remember the last time they where here. They should be there when the traffic is like bumper to bumper between 6:30/8:30am & 4:30/6:30pm. It thins out a bit during the day ,but is constant.
Two years ago we called to suggest Photo Radar and told them they would make enough money to put an additional 100 Police to fight crime no response. At one point we checked the Radar unit on Mt Albion and the police were only stopping them over 69km. With the volume of Traffic and speed that has increased they would have trouble to control .ONLY SOLUTION CLOSE MT ALBION RD.

NOISE/SAFETY ; With the increase of vehicles the noise level has risen as well, you can hear the roar of the traffic, and the vibrations of your windows. IF YOUR DEAF YOUR OK. It is not safe to walk on Mt Albion Rd, because of the Traffic you can't cross the street to catch the bus our Children ,Elderly, & Handicap have to stand on the side walk at risk, hoping a spot opens so they can cross. 140ft North of Glendale Golf Club entrance is a Bus Stop East side we see people standing 30/40ft back from the roadway waiting for the bus,( curve/bend in the road ) hoping no car or truck jumps the road. The people using this roadway do not care about our safety, they see how fast they can get to work or home with a total disregard for others. I wonder how they would feel if we re routed all the Traffic to their street just for a day. Some one has to have the solutions to this problem, we also contacted the 546-City to put up a flashing sign to try and slow the Traffic down they said it was too expensive. REALLY. For our safety we are also concerned with the heavy volume and the additional fumes . We are presently checking in to this. CLOSE MT ALBION.
REAL ESTATE VALUE: Upon checking with them we were told that our homes have decreased in value, because of location. People looking for homes did not like the Traffic because of the risk factor for their families. Or backing on to the road. I have heard people say if you don't like the road move, if we knew the Traffic would be this bad, and receiving little support maybe we would have purchased some place else. We also pick up garbage tossed out of the cars etc, what a considerate group of commuters. They travel to their quite area’s and wait to take another run at us the next day.

We would appreciate any assistance you could give us.

Thank You,

[Signature]

Donald Watson