

Mayor Mr. Patrick Brown and members of council, good morning to everyone. Today, I want to address you about the noise level of vehicular traffic on the Hwy 410 affecting section of Brussels Avenue.

For the introduction, my name is Danny Sukhraj. I am the original owner of my home for about fifteen years now. My house is located on Brussels Ave parallel to the 410 Hwy extension. The decision to extend the highway was made in 1998 and the subdivision was constructed 2004-2006. The city did not require the builder to erect a noise wall at that time. I remember that the noise issue came up in 2007-8 before the City via representation by community involvement. Studies were done and the cost to erect a proposed wall at that time was 443K. This was a reasonable cost then and the wall should have been built. For some reason, Council opted not to move forward on erecting it. The newly built northern half of Brussels Avenue has been walled leaving this old section about fifteen years now without protection.

I take great pride in home ownership and simply I am an outdoor person. I spend a lot of time in the spring and summer nurturing my lawn, flower beds and vegetable garden. In 2013 the volume level when looking at TV was 25, now I have it up to 45. This is literally implying that I am going deaf due to the exposure of the noise level emanating from the 410. The noise has become a health hazard and remedial action is extremely necessary.

The city is good at taking care of resident issues. I have seen barrier and noise walls erected throughout Brampton. All parallel constructions to 410 have walls constructed. I think that the time has come where it has become necessary for this to be treated as an emergency. We have suffered too long and It is time for our residents to enjoy life as others in Brampton. The noise has become unbearable at this point and hope

some action can be taken to alleviate this nuisance. Brampton has seen significant population growth and relatively the highway has seen an increase in traffic which resulted in the widening to the south by the province

I began email correspondences firstly with Councillor Mr. Doug Whillans and cc to Councillor Mr. Michael Palleschi and Mayor Mr. Patrick Brown on Friday May 21st, 2021. On Tuesday May 25th Mr. Gary Collins from the Mayor's office responded in a positive way. He indicated that the Engineering Dept has been looking at the noise issue and a meeting with MTO was scheduled. Mr. Bishnu Parajuli was coordinating the city noise wall program and a report will be prepared to bring to Council.

I also sent an email to Mr. Kevin Yarde on May 27th about the noise issue. On May 28th, I learnt from Mr. Gary Collins that an EA study would be done by MTO for the widening of 410 from Queen Street to Bovaird which would take several years. This plan will not affect the area in question and action would be needed before this plan is initiated.

There was an email response from Mr. Yarde MPP in which he said that many complaints were received previously about the noise. He reached out to Ontario Ministry of Transportation and was informed that while the province provides funding to the municipality, it falls on the municipality to build the necessary infrastructure as part of their planning and development. The decision to extend the highway 410 was made in 1998 well before the construction of this subdivision. The city should have forced the builder to construct the noise wall.

Manager of Infrastructure and Planning, Mr. Bishnu Parajuli in response to my email on May 25th said that the city is trying to get the MTO involved in the process and a meeting is expected sometime in

September. At that meeting according to Mr. Parajuli, MTO clarified that they are not funding any noise mitigation measure for Brussels Avenue

That is the past, now let us focus on alleviating the stress and hardship of community residents. We have been suffering for years of inaction. Time for the city to make amends. I call upon council to do whatever needed to build the noise wall. Again, I have seen walls recently built all over Brampton and wondered why this most critical piece was not given serious attention.

Before I conclude, want to express sincere thanks to the office of Mayor Brown via Mr. Gary Collins and Mr. Bishnu Parajuli for their timely response to my emails. I wish Mayor Brown and Council all success in their endeavours to make this Flower Town a proud place to live. We are growing by leaps and bounds. Let us build the wall.

Mayor Brown, members of City Council and all others, thank you for your time and please stay safe everyone.