

To: City of Brampton City Council (City Clerk's Office)

From: Stephen and Anita Morrell –
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Subject: Committee of Council Meeting – Wednesday Oct. 27th,
2021.

Matter of Interest: Infrastructure Planning – Acoustical Noise
Sound Barrier (Brussels Ave and Hwy 410).

Unfortunately, I'm unable to speak directly to City Council today due to other commitments but I greatly appreciate our neighbour, Mr. Ron Beausoleil including us today and for City Council in providing an avenue with which to voice our concerns on this very important and long-standing matter of a noise barrier.

My Wife Anita and I are original owners of a Senator Home located at Discovery Place, South of Sandalwood Parkway, North of Bovaird and West of Hwy 410 (Backing Brussels Ave.) When we originally purchased in 2006, the 410 was just recently diverted from Heart Lake Road to exit at Sandalwood Parkway where the 410 ended.

At that time, the noise was not that bad due to vehicles slowing down on Hwy 410, backing Brussels Ave., to exit at Sandalwood Parkway but then overtime the highway was slowly extended further to Mayfield and then beyond, at which time the noise increased significantly and is now unbearable.

The 410 now extends to Hwy 10 so there are vehicles and motorbikes travelling at 120 to 140 km per hour which is extremely noisy and constant to the point we cannot enjoy our surroundings or our own properties.

When the 410 was extended and additional semi attached homes were constructed on the northern part of Brussels alongside existing Senator townhomes, there was a sound barrier constructed, but only on the northern part. It should have extended all long the southern part of Brussels because a noise wall only on the northern part of Brussels does nothing for the entire surrounding area backing Brussels Ave.

As property owners, we have paid property taxes to the City of Brampton now for over 16 years and we cannot even enjoy where we live anymore, not to mention the values of our homes

having decreased in comparison to others in Brampton that are in quiet areas without constant highway noise.

It is my understanding the Ministry of Environment conducted a noise assessment in recent months on Brussels Ave., backing the 410 and surrounding area using Computer Application Modelling.

As a result of the Ministry's positive noise assessment, I believe City Staff has, or is, putting forth a recommendation to City Council that the construction of an acoustical noise sound barrier along the southern part of Brussels Ave., be approved for inclusion in the 2022 infrastructure planning budget.

We kindly ask that City Council do the right thing and approve a sound barrier to be constructed in 2022, so we can once again enjoy our homes and surrounding area and to put to halt, the ongoing devaluation of our properties due to the constant noise from the highway.

Thank you,

Stephen & Anita Morrell