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To: Agenda <agenda@caledon.ca>
Subject: Item 15.2.2 Illegal Trucking

Hello,

This message is to be placed before the Caledon Council.

I have lived in Bolton since 2008. In the last 4 years, I have seen a significant increase in the illegal trucking yards as well as a dangerous increase in the trucks on hwy #50.

I commute to the 427 extension on a daily basis. 6:30 am and 4:30pm are the times that I am on the road. I take hwy #50 to get to a GO station to ride on public transit to downtown Toronto. I feel as though every time I am on hwy #50 I am putting my life at risk.

The illegal truck yards are at every piece of land that is in between Bolton and Major Mac. I have been almost crushed by trucks who do not check their blind spots and decide to change lanes with me beside them. I have seen trucks run red lights as they are going well over the 70km speed limit. I have seen illegal left turns by trucks on red lights. Trucks who pull out of illegal truck yards at a slow speed with no regard to the flow of traffic. Most likely because they have no patience to wait their safe entry to the road and know that commuter cars and vehicles will stop to allow them in. The alternative would be to die for the smaller car. I have seen trucks block the flow of traffic to have other trucks make left turns around them to allow their flow of trucks. This happens every morning and evening at the intersection of hwy #50 and Nashville. The trucks need to go left off of Nashville (E) to the 3 new trucking yards on Cold Creek Road. Location view on [link](#).

These trucks are driven by drivers who seem to not care what the consequences are. It feels as though they really do own the roads. This also means that those drivers are driving their own vehicles on the road to get to the illegal trucking yards. I have seen many drivers do the same illegal driving maneuvers in their cars as they do in their transport trucks. It is truly terrifying.

The eye sore of the illegal trucking yards is embarrassing as the 7 stacked high containers is what you see along hwy#50. It truly is ugly, and I ask if anyone on the council has noticed? Just curious to know if anyone has looked at hwy#50 yet to possible agree with how ugly the illegal and possibly legal trucking yards look.

I do not feel safe getting on the road. I am a mother of 2 children who are now also on the roads. Driving to school and work. I kiss them every single time they

leave the house and say “Drive safe, I love you”. I fear not that they will not be driving safe, but that they will become another victim of an unsafe driver behind the wheel of an 18 wheeler who came out of an illegal trucking yard. It is terrifying to be on this stretch of hwy#50. EVERY LIFE COUNTS.

I have been dreaming of a GO station since I moved to Bolton in 2008. It has been delayed for far too long. This would remove many drivers from the roads. I invite the council to have the GO Station built. Kindly look at Oakville, King City and Mississauga as precedents. Those communities that have GO stations and rich real estate home owners that far surpasses what Caledon has and have approved a GO station. If they can have both, what makes the old money rich home owners of Caledon think that a GO station would ruin Caledon? I shake my head at the blinders on this nonsense. Caledon has been ruined already with trucks and illegal trucking yards. Planning and a GO station are over 25 years overdue.

I do not pay over \$5000 in taxes to risk my life to drive on a road that the municipality has within its borders. I wish that my tax dollars and the people that are on this council would have this issue addressed to the point of a solution for a whole community of families safety. How many people have to die for council to take action and stop the issue of illegal trucks and illegal trucking yards to be addressed?

If you have read this I do appreciate it. If you have not read this far, shame on you! Terrible that an elected official can not take the time to read this. It is less than a 2 minute read.

Yours truly,

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