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

Re: Council Meeting September 24th 2024

Good Day,

My name is Therese Xuereb @ [REDACTED]. I have been a resident in the Town of Caledon for 42 Years. I also worked in Bolton Business area for 20 years.

I have seen a huge decrease in the quality of life in this town from a small rural community to an Industrial, Transportation and Distribution Hub.

Transgressing through Bolton from Caledon East going Eastward is a life threatening experience. Tractor trailers commanding the roads and inexperienced drivers has made getting through town a nightmare.

Here's my most recent near death experience on our roads.

Saturday, September 21st at 8:15 am, I was driving south on Airport Road and pulled into the left hand turn lane at King Side Rd. Waiting for the lights to turn green. Looking Right I see a tractor trailer with an exceptionally long flat bed carrying construction equipment going East on King SR, waiting to make a left hand turn to go north on Airport Rd. In order for him to clear the narrow turn I

stayed two car lengths back in my LH turn lane. The truck driver was turning into the northbound lane next to me, when a black sedan waiting behind him on King SR decided to pull out from behind the flat bed which was still pulling through the intersection, and drove full speed to the left of it through the intersection and straight into my LH turn lane. I saw he was headed straight at me head on and I was trapped, honking my horn. The truck driver alarmed hit his breaks and the sedan swerved a car length ahead of me into the northbound lane squeezing between my car and the front of the tractor trailer. I was extremely shaken up as well as the truck driver seeing this insanity. If the truck was further ahead I would have been hit head on as well as the truck cab.

I have never seen, since recently, the number of tractor trailers on King SR, and Airport Rd, that mixed with drivers who are not accustomed to driving in this area or perhaps in Canada, has made it dangerous to be on our roads. Roads up in Caledon East are deteriorating and the fumes from trucks and increased traffic have made it unpleasant to walk through our downtown.

Illegal truck places on the side roads pull in and out of hidden driveways and at times pull out across two lanes between hills. It's a death trap at night.

Stop the expansion of Bolton as a Distribution hub which is creating these outlying illegal Trucking Operations to be established on the outskirts in Caledon farm and rural properties.

Shut these places down and confiscate their assets once and for all. It's also bringing criminal activity up here too.

Thank you

Therese Xuereb