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This email is in reference to agenda item 15.2.2 on illegal truck yards.

I have lived in Caledon for over two decades. I now call it my 'paradise lost'. People are leaving the area and property values are decreasing due to the sheer volume of trucks in the area. I understand the supply chain and the need for trucks. I also understand that somehow we need to coexist. However, with the increase in road fatalities and the removal from the road of 50 percent of vehicles inspected on September 9th, I'm sure that we can all agree that a serious problem exists. In fact, I believe it to be a road safety emergency.

I am concerned for my safety particularly during the busiest hours and as a result, I try to leave my home after 9 am and return either before 3 pm or after 7 pm when the roads are less congested.

In addition to the trucks driving in every lane and on roads that clearly state NO TRUCKS, I've seen reckless driving from vehicles that are desperately trying to pass these vehicles at peril to others on the road.

The roads are also incredibly NOISY. I can hear the sound of trucks from Coleraine and King from just about anywhere in my Harvest Moon neighborhood.

The traffic is insane not just within Caledon (King Road, Coleraine, Highway 50, Albion Vaughan, Humber Station, The Gore, Mayfield etc) but also on the routes leading in and out of Caledon (Major Mackenzie, Coleraine south of Mayfield, Nashville, Huntington, Countryside).

I've have witnessed 18 wheelers turning onto Harvest Moon from Coleraine only to panic and make a three point turn once they realize it is a residential area.

What is all of this doing to our environment? Animals are displaced or killed. There is loss of farmland. What is the impact on soil, air quality or water? Has this long term impact been studied? This environmental concern cannot be ignored.

The roads were not meant for these large vehicles. The cart has been put way before the horse. The lack of infrastructure has caused the infrastructure that does exist to start to crumble due to increased wear and tear.

It seems that this issue just keeps escalating. When will it stop? This needs to be addressed immediately as it has already become an emergency. We need stronger action and we need it now.

Thank you for your time and attention to this extremely important issue.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Condello