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Subject: Illegal Truck Yards and Traffic Concerns

Good morning,

I am writing today as a resident of Bolton for 37 years. I grew up here, work locally on Coleraine Drive for the past 26 years and raise my teenage daughter here.

I have seen my share of changes. From the “take me down memory lane” changes remembering when Canadian Tire was at the Winner’s location to when KFC was a standalone restaurant near the Garden Foods soil. From Jacks to IGA, I have been privileged to watch this town grow. Over the last 10 years the growth has changed from exciting new stores and relocations to unsightly container piles and trucking yards. Encircling our beloved town, we have become a town I don’t recognize anymore.

My commute to work is approximately 3 minutes down Coleraine. I have been paying attention to who I share the road with daily and I shake my head. I see distracted drivers operating 18 wheelers, truck drivers who decide what red light they would like to stop at and truck drivers who seem to have to get a delivery somewhere at lightning speed. My office faces Coleraine and I see countless trucks speeding by, making unsafe lefts and I see a general disregard to basic traffic rules.

We need help.

1 - We need more support to local law enforcement. We need more patrol on routes known to be trouble spots. We need patrol monitoring the trucks illegally using the downtown core and more charges being laid.

2 - More MTO inspections, I was thrilled to see one on Coleraine the other day. A recent 4-hour blitz resulted in 50% of the vehicles being pulled out of service and 57 charges laid! That is a very scary statistic and a major red flag that would be unjust to ignore. An MTO inspection station would be something to consider.

3 - Provincial support monitoring who and how people are obtaining trucking licenses in this country. More accountability from the ministry of transportation department determining where the loopholes are and tightening it up.

4 - BIGGER FINES. Bigger fines to illegal trucking yards and bigger fines to trucking companies. The fines be handing out may be a drop in the bucket for some of these characters operating these yards. It is time to hit them where it hurts so they decide this town is no longer the place for them and they are no longer making the rules.

5 – We need to reevaluate the traffic control measures at certain intersections and we need to factor in how many accidents have occurred and determine why. As an example, Harvest Moon and Coleraine was designed so poorly that making a left into the subdivision is Russian roulette if there are vehicles are making a left going the opposite way.

I am afraid. I am afraid when I commute up and down Coleraine daily. I am afraid at the idea of my 17-year-old getting her G2 because 50% of the trucks and their drivers traveling alongside her are unsafe.

Thank you for your time.

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