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FW: Southridge development No. 9184

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Sorry I have made minor changes to my statement. Please use this one:

I would like to submit written comments on the Southridge development Bylaw application No 9184 to be discussed at the July 8th, 2021 City Council meeting.

I have concerns with this development. My concerns for the proposed Southridge development are as follows:

- 1) Both Southridge Ave, Vista Ridge, and St. Lawrence are not major roads. There is already a significant amount of traffic. In addition, the level of traffic directly in front of Southridge elementary school is becoming unsafe. Weekly, I see children crossing the crosswalk where cars are driving too fast and could cause injury. The addition of the new development would further increase traffic and compromise safety.
- 2) Southridge and all other College Heights Elementary schools are full. Where will these children attend school? The addition of further portables at Southridge is not feasible. The increased revenue from permit approvals should not take priority over children's education.
- 3) The infrastructure of St. Lawrence, in particular, is poorly maintained. The addition of this development would further damage the road.
- 4) Need for forests and nature parks. Currently, at the end of Southridge are trails into the forest that community members use to walk, quad etc. These will all be destroyed. More and more research has demonstrated the importance of access to nature, not just a groomed/manicured park/playground with grass and flowers, but true nature and the forest.
- 5) The initial traffic assessment study was conducted during the pandemic and is not an accurate representation of the current state.

Time and time again I hear Mayor Lynn Hall state that "build it and the infrastructure will come". I strongly disagree with this statement Mayor Lynn Hall. If the last two years of living in a pandemic has taught us anything, it is that research and the use of data to support evidence-based decision making is key. Utilize data to inform what building projects are needed and allow for proper planning and infrastructure development while listening to your community and their concerns. Examples of data sources would include a current traffic assessment study, infrastructure assessment and planning, and community voices data.

Thank you for your time