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Via Email Only

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**Re: LPT 2006-41 Ramsay Traffic Calming**

The Ramsay Community Association appreciates the opportunity to comment on the performance of the calming elements installed in our community in 2006 and 2007. We have been involved in the traffic study process since 2001 and have volunteered over 2,500 hours to this initiative.

Data collected by the City in 2002 validated that there were significant traffic problems within the community of Ramsay, while data gathered in 2004 quantified specific issues, e.g. short-cutting, speed and illegal movements. Through meetings and public consultations, a traffic calming plan was developed and consensus achieved by formal poll of community residents and businesses ( $\geq 84\%$  support). As part of the 'enhancement phase' of the process, the Ramsay Traffic and Beautification committees provided input on the selection of the plantings for the curb extensions.

After the elements were installed and allowing approximately nine months for re-adjustment by residents and other motorists, community feedback on the performance of the calming elements was gathered in spring 2008; traffic statistics collected in May-June 2008; and the findings reviewed with Transportation Planning in December 2008.

Compared to 2004 date, the post-calming evaluation revealed that vehicle speeds and illegal movements were reduced while traffic volumes remained approximately constant. Of note, the behavior of motorists on streets without calming was also favorably affected. Information from residents was that walkability had improved; cyclist movements along Spiller Road were more risky; and that there was 'volume-shift' to non-calmed avenues, e.g. 18 Avenue SE.

In summary, we are pleased with the traffic calming measures as they have affected the behavior of motorists on many of the roadways throughout the community. We will continue to work with Transportation Planning to address volume-shift; Parks for

pathway and cyclist issues; and Traffic Optimization for improvements to our perimeter roadways.

Yours truly,



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