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Dear Mr. Munro:

Thank you for your letter re buses. I am sorry I am late in responding. While I can appreciate your concerns I must point out that enhanced public transportation is crucial to the continued liveability and indeed the functioning of our community. Passing the puck is no longer an option.

I have for years requested that we establish traffic corridors in a timely fashion so that we can engage in true community planning. How can we seriously talk about long term planning if we do not know where the future major traffic corridors will be. I have repeated this each and every year since before I got elected but never once was there anybody in the community who came forward to support this matter of fact concept.


As for the issue you have raised? ... a strong functioning community association can and should deal with all issues pertaining to your neighbourhood and do so on an ongoing basis. This includes all aspects of community issues. For instance, there are a hundred ways to alleviate the impact of buses. It is even possible to demand that only buses which are virtually silent should be used. Such buses have been in operation in other parts of the world for decades including in Europe where they move virtually silently through the cities including residential neighbourhoods.

It just so happens that we are light years behind in our thinking and take everything that is dished out as gospel truth. But there is no law which says that this has to be so. Since our political leadership has failed us time and time again in this and other crucial areas and appears to be incapable of demanding implementation of this technology, it is up to the people to make them do so.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist

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