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Dear Councillor Colle,

Re: Request for a Traffic Safety Review of Chatsworth Drive

With two proposed developments on Chatsworth near Yonge, a traffic safety review encompassing the entirety of Chatsworth Drive is warranted and would be helpful to determine any beneficial intersection, roadway, signage or sidewalk changes. We understand that for City staff to undertake a traffic safety review that a request must come from your office. As such, we respectfully ask that you please put forward a request to commence this review.

Our request for this review is not an indication of our support of either development. We remain concerned and engaged with regard to both applications. This is an initiative we feel is necessary to address longstanding issues and any increase in traffic that may arise from the two development sites.

Background

Chatsworth Dr. is a unique street in our neighbourhood, as both the only road that does not follow the street grid and as a one-way street. Chatsworth Dr. is a prime candidate for cut-through traffic because it provides the only direct link between Yonge Street and Lawrence Avenue West, allowing drivers to bypass traffic at Yonge and Lawrence.

Safety Concerns

Chatsworth Dr. is used by many students who walk to Lawrence Park Collegiate Institute and Glenview Senior Public School. The design of the street has not significantly changed since it was constructed roughly a century ago. The road design does not take into account the one-way designation and residents have reported traffic travelling in the wrong direction. The excessively wide pavement and intersections lengthen pedestrian crossing distances, allow for wrong-way travel and encourage speeding. An awkward five-leg + driveway intersection exists at Greer Road, which is a pedestrian safety concern and cause of confusion for all road users.

Development Pressure

Two development applications near Yonge and Chatsworth are proposed to have a total of 139 parking spaces exiting onto Chatsworth Dr. which will exacerbate existing traffic safety issues. The developments will provide an opportunity to improve the block between Yonge and Duplex and to coordinate this work with safety improvements to the remainder of the street. LPRO discussed traffic safety on Chatsworth Dr. with Transportation Services in April.

Traffic Safety Review

LPRO supports Transportation Services undertaking a traffic safety review of Chatsworth Dr. The scope of the review should include the following:

1. Measures to improve the safety of all road users, with a focus on pedestrians
2. Eliminating wrong-way traffic
3. Reducing cut-through traffic
4. Consideration should not be given to converting Chatsworth to a two-way street which would increase cut-through traffic
5. Potential improvements could include:
 - a. Changes to intersection designs to improve pedestrian safety and reduce instances of drivers illegally travelling the wrong way
 - b. Narrowing the pavement to current road design standards to slow traffic and improve pedestrian safety
 - c. Other signage or parking changes
6. The community should be consulted about proposed changes

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this please contact us.

Best regards,

Lytton Park Residents' Organization (LPRO)