

To: David West, Richmond Hill Ward 4 Councillor

Date: ~~March 19, 2020~~ REVISED MARCH 23, 2020 WITH ONE ADDITIONAL FAMILY OF SUPPORT

Re: Support for Proposed Local Improvements on Wright Street and Powell Street

We understand that our existing watermain is made from ductile metal and has been in place since 1935. It has reached the end of its lifespan and, along with our aging sewers, needs to be replaced. We recognize the need for this important infrastructure improvement and understand that this mandatory work will result in the removal of at least one mature tree as well as possible damage to a few additional trees that have roots under the road. We recognize that this is an unfortunate and unavoidable fact that saddens us all and is out of our control.

We recognize that what is within our control as property owners on Wright and Powell Streets is whether or not the local road improvements occur. As outlined in the letter from the city, and on par with other streets in Richmond Hill that have had this work done, this is the component of the project that we are being asked to pay a portion of (except for those homes previously assessed for local improvements on Reaman Street and Mill Street). The local road improvements will provide us with proper grading for water run-off, proper storm sewers, proper curbs, new sidewalks, and also guarantees that both streets will be properly dug up and replaced. We recognize that not only will these improvements improve the safety and functionality of our streets, but may actually increase the value of our homes.

There has been some concern voiced regarding the possibility of increased traffic and speed on our streets as a result of the local road improvements. We understand that there is no evidence that the proposed improvements will result in increased traffic or speed on our streets—as the factors that make Wright and Powell Streets less desirable to drive on (the sharp right turn where Powell and Wright meet, the parking on both sides of the street, and the no right turn off Mill Street) will not be affected.

As such, as representative home owners, we fully support the proposed local improvements to Wright Street and Powell Street.

Sincerely,

Susan and Rob Hart, 93 Wright Street
Guido and Daniella Chiaravalloti, 95 Wright Street
Joan and Ron Lund, 97 Wright Street
Eric Lawrence and Cosimina Gatto, 103 Wright Street
Larry and Ellie Price, 96 Wright Street
Dirk Hooykaas and Diane Grégoire, 115 Wright Street
Barbara Lowens, 73 Wright Street
Janis and Perry Steigner, 120 Wright Street
Gary Oppenheimer and Kathryn Landon, 102 Wright Street
Ron and Susan Smit, 105 Wright Street
Marcello and Alina Ciulu, 77 Wright Street
Grant and Jennifer Goodwin, 109 Wright Street
Goran and Victoria Amin, 94 Wright Street