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Good Evening,,

I support paid parking at Lake Wilcox Park and complimentary parking for residents of Richmond Hill. However, I don't believe that a paid lot will be the answer to all the residents concerns.

Being a resident of Richmond Hill/Oak Ridges since 1994, I've seen what has happened in our beautiful neighborhood over the last few decades.

With the awesome changes at Lake Wilcox Park, we have become a tourist destination. With this, traffic volume have turned our streets into a joke on nice weekends.

My suggestions:

1) Move entrance to north overflow gravel lot to Bayview Avenue (at the south end of the lot) and close lot entrance on Olde Bayview (south of North Lake Road). Diverting the hundreds (maybe thousands) of cars from coming off of Bayview onto North Lake Road and then down a dead end road (Olde Bayview) has been a common sense idea that has not been implemented. I've witnessed dozens of pedestrian near misses, J walking, illegal vehicle stopping, U turns, reversing and dangerous driving at the North Lake/Olde Bayview intersection over the last 2 days. Surprised no one has been injured or killed here.

2) There are No Parking signs on both sides of Olde Bayview south of North Lake Road. Clearer signage is good but there must be constant enforcement and maybe threat of towing should be on the table. Hire a couple of summer students to patrol and ticket illegally parked vehicle. I'm sure if tow trucks caught wind of this they'd be there to help.

3) Pedestrian and vehicle interaction at the North Lake Road/Olde Bayview Avenue is a joke. Traffic comes flying off of Bayview onto North Lake and often encounter pedestrians crossing. For pedestrians, paint crossing lines on roads as a guide to cross between the sidewalk sloped curbs from SE to SW and from SW to NW corners of the intersection. For vehicles, I believe adding a gentle speed bump or road rumble strip (on North Lake Road Westbound lane at Bayview intersection) accompanied by a "Neighborhood Slowing" sign to warn drivers to slow down might help.

I know the lot closures due to COVID have increased the street parking problems, but, overflows happen regularly and the pedestrian/vehicle traffic/parking issues are not new. I am certain if someone was injured at our intersection, the City of Richmond Hill might be held liable for poor planning. Something needs to be done.

I love where I live and I love sharing my neighborhood with visitors, but, improvements can be made.

Thanks for your consideration.

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