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Dear Dr. Kurji

Request for Health Impact Study of the Widening of 16th Avenue

On behalf of the Preserve 16th Committee, I am requesting York Region Health Services, Environmental Health Division, estimate the burden of illness and related economic impact associated with the widening of 16th Avenue in Richmond Hill and Markham. The Region is currently conducting an environmental assessment of the expansion; however, we have been told this does not include a review of the health impact.

In 2007, Toronto Public Health calculated the burden of illness and related economic impact due to traffic pollution in Toronto using a Health Canada computer based method called Air Quality Benefits Tool. We are requesting York Region Health Services do a similar computation using the same model and data from the York Region Traffic Department as well as demographics and other pertinent information.

I look forward to your favorable response to the Committee's request. I can be reached by phone at, or by email at 905-477-8636 or dmiasek@rogers.com.

Yours truly,

Peter Miasek,
Chairperson, Preserve 16th Committee

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