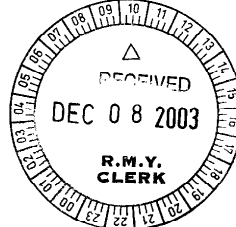


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Dear Ms. Stevenson,

The Board of Directors for Royal Oak Court would like to urge you to consider regional transit to Mount Albert as soon as possible.

Royal Oak Court is home to 71 senior citizens, several of whom can no longer drive a vehicle. We encourage the tenants of Royal Oak Court to remain independent (one of the conditions for living at Royal Oak Court). With no local transportation, independence is difficult to maintain. The only means of travel out of Mount Albert is a locally hired charter bus on Friday mornings that the seniors pay \$8.00 per trip, very expensive taxi or relying on family members and friends to drive them to appointments or completing errands. Most of the seniors at Royal Oak Court are reluctant to ask for rides.

Recently, we had a tenant hospitalized in Newmarket whose wife does not drive a car. She was very upset because she had no way to visit her husband and this caused unnecessary stress for both husband and wife. This is just one example of the need for local transportation.

Local transit would allow the seniors to maintain their independence with visits to their family doctor, spouse, and friends or attend other social activities.

Please consider our petition to you to initiate regional transit to Mount Albert in the near future.

Sincerely,

M. J. ...