

SHERWOOD-AMBER GLEN RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION
Working on behalf of our residents & our neighbours north of Hwy. 7

Petition to Region of York and Town of Markham

Attached is a summary of 115 signatures representing the views of residents who back lot onto Ninth line from Delmark to 16th Avenue. These signatures were collected from 121 affected households.

We, the undersigned residents adjoining Ninth Line, having the right to peaceful enjoyment of our property, hereby request the Region of York to immediately:

- 1. Extend the current truck ban on Ninth Line from 16th Avenue to Highway 7, to include the section south of Highway 7 to the 407.*
- 2. Empower York Regional Police and the Regional Traffic Watch Committee to begin immediate enforcement of the existing ban and enforcement of the extended truck ban once approved.*

Rationale:

With the widening of Ninth Line and the substantial increase in traffic volume over the last several years, the residents have been subjected to increasing noise pollution, which adversely impacts their right to peaceful enjoyment of their property. The noise mitigation barrier which the Region is proposing will help in reducing the noise that these residents are experiencing on a daily basis, but the largest contributor to this noise pollution is truck traffic, particularly when engine retarder brakes are used. The barrier and enforcement of the truck ban should help to alleviate this situation.

We urge both administrations to give careful consideration to our requests, and we look forward to a positive response.

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Sherwood Amber-Glen Ratepayers Association

Dear Friends

9th Line Noise Mitigation

Sherwood Amber-Glen Ratepayers Association represents residents of an area south of Hwy 7, to the west of 9th line, including those whose properties back on to 9th line.

We, along with our Ward 5 Councillor, John Webster, Deputy Mayor, Jack Heath and Regional Councillor, Gord Landon have been working for years to resolve the following issues.

As became abundantly clear at the recent meeting with Regional and Town representatives regarding noise barriers on 9th line which will extend from 16th Ave. to Delmark, we are all faced with the same issue – **noise, and particularly truck noise, on 9th line.** All of which is the result of the Region's decision to widen a clearly residential street into becoming the de facto Markham By Pass.

The noise barriers that the Region is proposing will certainly help in mitigating the noise that we are experiencing on a day to day basis, but, as we have always maintained, the largest contributor to that noise is truck traffic.

Some years ago, a truck ban was imposed on 9th line from Hwy 7 north to the Don Cousens Parkway (DCP), but as we know, enforcement has been nonexistent, and even the signs have disappeared following 9th line widening. South of Hwy 7 there is no such ban, and our members are subject to constant infringement of their right to quiet enjoyment of their property by the daily impact of trucks and their use of engine retarder brakes. Extending the truck ban south of Hwy. 7 to the 407, and enforcing the ban from 16th to the 407, will increase the likelihood that trucks will give up using 9th line and start using the By Pass as was the original intention.

There's more to come

- York Region plans to widen 9th line from Major Mackenzie to Stouffville with a projected start in Spring 2011, therefore we can expect even more traffic adding to the existing noise levels we face daily.
- The extension of the Don Cousens Parkway at the north end and the plans to discourage traffic on Main Street Markham will direct southbound Hwy 48 traffic to the DCP. When that traffic hits 9th line, its natural path will be to take a right turn down 9th line rather than continuing on the DCP.

For these reasons, we believe the time is right to marshal our forces, and tell the Region that "Enough is Enough". We are not against progress, and understand that our area is growing. However, we must tell them that we will not tolerate trucks and their associated noise on 9th line.

We therefore ask you to join us in completing a petition to the Region of York which asserts that:

We the undersigned are concerned with the effect that noise from truck traffic on Ninth Line, in contravention to the existing truck ban AND the lack of a similar ban south of Highway 7 is having on the quiet enjoyment of our properties.

We therefore request that Region of York in concert with the Town of Markham and York Regional Police;

- Enforce existing truck ban on Ninth Line from 16th Avenue to Highway 7, and
- Immediately extend said truck ban south from Highway 7 to the 407.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____

Please sign & return this by post to: Sherwood Amber-Glen Ratepayers Association
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OR by email to: sherwoodamberglen@gmail.com

PLEASE RETURN BEFORE AUGUST 15TH