

DEPUTATION REQUEST

REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 26, 2022

Subject: 19th Avenue Road Expansion

Spokesperson: Yeesha Poon

Name of Group or person(s) being represented (if applicable): N/A

Brief summary of issue or purpose of deputation:

We have been residents of 19th Avenue for a number of years along with many neighbours who share the same concerns as we do about the future plans of this community along the hamlet.

The potential impact on the environment and the characteristics of this street as Almira hamlet is significant. It is currently a naturalistic area with birds, rabbits, and amongst other wildlife. This can essentially be the last patch of land for these wild animals. We should maintain some natural integrity of Markham, especially in the area of 19th Avenue between Warden and Kennedy where the Almira hamlet area.

We understand that 19th is proposed to have widening of the roads up to 41 metres. Increased traffic will not only hurt the natural environment on this portion, but also ruin the characteristics of a quiet neighbourhood.

There are not many of these neighbourhoods left in Markham, we ask the Region and the City to re-consider their plan on widening 19th Avenue up to 41 metres. We would also would like to understand better why the Donald Cousen Parkway extension was abandoned? It would have helped to alleviate the traffic concerns.

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