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**From:** DENNIS FORTNUM [<mailto:dfortnum@rogers.com>]  
**Sent:** December 18, 2019 1:50 PM  
**To:** Regional Clerk  
**Subject:** Fw: Request to defer finalizing and filing of 16th Ave Environmental Assessment (Woodbine to McCowan) and any consideration of Acceleration of this Project

Please include this email as a deputation for tomorrows Council meeting item G1

Thank you

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**From:** DENNIS FORTNUM <[dfortnum@rogers.com](mailto:dfortnum@rogers.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 18, 2019, 01:40:26 p.m. EST  
**Subject:** Request to defer finalizing and filing of 16th Ave Environmental Assessment (Woodbine to McCowan) and any consideration of Acceleration of this Project

Based on our meeting with the Region yesterday I have summarized our key takeaways:

The Region is focused on road widenings without exploring alternatives

The EA assessment for 16th Ave was ineffective with no signs posted ( like McCowan and Kennedy) no stakeholder group meetings, no engagement with local residents groups despite requests for meetings

The EA is being filed on tomorrow (Thursday) despite the lack of engagement with stakeholders

The EA air quality assessment indicates several measures that exceed the guidelines for acceptable levels which will become worst with road widening increasing the health risks to those living close to the expanded roadway.

The Region plans to accelerate the road widenings between Woodbine and Kennedy Road and voting on funding will be held on Thursday. This is inconsistent with the discussion at the October 16th Markham DSC meeting where it was agreed a workshop would be held and no vote to accelerate would take place until after that workshop.

Any acceleration of the project will significantly impact the assumptions in the EA assessment significantly increasing pollution, greenhouse gases and the health risks to local residents in the pull forward period.

**I would respectfully request that the Environmental Assessment for 16th Avenue not be finalized and filed until there been addition discussion and engagement with stakeholders.**

**In addition, I would ask that you not consider the acceleration of this project until we all understand the impact on the communities and you have given all stakeholders an opportunity to understand the project and its costs, its benefits and its impact on the health and quality of life of the local residents.**

Best

Dennis Fortnum  
Normandale Community Residents Association