





THE YORK REGION DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
CORNELL VILLAGE PUBLIC SCHOOL
186 Country Glen Road,
Markham, Ontario, L6B 1B5.

February 7, 2006

To the Clerk of the Town of Markham

Dear Sheila Birrell,

I am writing this letter following discussions with Jack Heath and Arup Mukherjee concerning the traffic problems at Cornell Village Public School (both pedestrian and cars). Since we opened in September 2003, an ongoing concern has developed relating to the student crossing of Country Glen Road before and after school. As you know, Cornell Village was designed as a pedestrian-focused community. Per capita, we have more walking students and community members than other local communities. As our school has grown from approximately 365 students to over 560 to date, the issues and concerns about safe crossing have gradually increased.

The Cornell Village School Advisory Council has steadily addressed these concerns for over 18 months now. The Safety Patrol Sub-committee, of the School Council, implemented a Safety Patrol Program of trained Grade 7/8 students for 3 months, from November 2005 to January 2006 (at Country Glen Road and Cornell Common/Donald Sim). Unfortunately, safety concerns and increased traffic created an unsafe working environment for the Safety Patrollers to work.

Tim Uyl, the YRDSB, Accommodation Planner, met with me on January 27, 2006. Tim outlined the growth expected at Cornell Village Public School. We are expected to increase to 690 students by September 2006 and further increase to approximately 750 students over the next 1-2 years. We will also have an increase of school bus traffic from 2 buses currently, to perhaps 4 or 5 buses next year.

Given this anticipated growth and the current traffic concerns around the school, I make the following recommendations to the Councilors of the Town of Markham:

- 1. Please place two (2) additional stop signs on Country Glen Road at Donald Sim/Cornell Common and at Gowland. These stop signs would significantly slow down the traffic on Country Glen Road and bring deliberate focus to the school zone, whether approaching from the north or south.**
- 2. Please consider placing a Crossing Guard at the corner of Country Glen Road and Cornell Common/Donald Sim. The school and the School Council would consider help funding the cost of a Crossing Guard for the first year of operation.**

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

John Hopkins B.A. M.Ed.
Principal

Attachment B