

Monday November 18, 2013

Frank Scarpitti
Office of the Mayor
101 Town Centre Boulevard
Markham, Ontario, L3R 9W3

Dear Mr. Scarpitti:

Re: Riverwalk Drive, Markham ON

Firstly, I would like to thank you for doing your best to make our City of Markham a safe and enjoyable, place to live, but with building on that, there is always room for improvement.

My name is Ashma Mohamed and I am in Ward 7 (Boxgrove Bypass and Riverwalk Drive) in Markham. I have been living at this address for over seven years now, and my family and I enjoy the amenities, activities and schools nearby. I am married, and have 4 children all under the age of 8-years-old. Two weeks ago, we had a very disturbing and potentially serious and life-threatening incident at our home, which I hope never have to happen again and that is why I am writing you today.

On the morning of Thursday, November 7th around 8:15 am, my mother was walking out the front door with my four children to take them to school, when a horrific accident happened at the corner of BoxGrove Bypass and Riverwalk Drive. The car going northbound made a last-minute decision to turn westbound onto Riverwalk, was t-boned and spun out of control, broke through our wooden fence and landed on our driveway and front door step – which just missed my whole family! If they didn't jump back into the house, they would have all been killed. This was a terrifying and horrendous accident for my family to have to witness. My two older children are very much traumatized and have been having nightmares since this happened. They are also very afraid to play outside in our yard, to the point that they are afraid of living here. My only resort is unfortunately looking into moving from our family home as this has been a very disturbing memory for them. As a result of this accident, and as parents and grandparent, we are very distressed of what could have happened and thank God it didn't, as my older son usually stands outside on our front porch and waits for his grandmother to walk them to school. Mr. Mayor, this is not the first time we have been victims, but the fourth time an accident has happened where a vehicle landed on our property, the only difference is that the vehicles never made it as far as our front step. I am pleading with you to please come out and survey this intersection, and to PLEASE put a traffic light here. This is an ongoing safety concern that many people/parents in the neighborhood have. We have previously requested this as a member of our community sent a petition, but our request was ignored/denied. Honestly, sometimes I feel as though the City of Markham is waiting for a death to happen before a change has

to occur. We are hard working, tax-paying citizens of Markham and do everything we can to make our neighbourhood a safe place to live, and now we are looking to you to ensure our safety is reinstated. This residential neighbourhood has a high traffic volume with children being dropped off before school and picked up after school, and as parent I need to be reassured that my family and the students will be safe, which is currently not the case.

I have attached some pictures of the accident and the police case number below for your files.

YR police case number: 13-304440

Constable #1322

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Once again, I would like to thank you for keeping our city safe, but now it's time for more to be done to ensure the highest form of safety is in place to calm the traffic in this area. I am hoping we can get this matter resolved sooner than later as the winter months are fast approaching.

Thank you,

Ashma Mohamed