

Greater City of Sudbury
Traffic & Transportation Services

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Re: Petition - Four Way Stop Sign
Spruce & Simcoe Streets

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I recently received a copy of a letter dated July 8, 2011 from Mr David Sheldes to Mr Robert Cameron regarding the above mentioned petition. I live at 611 Spruce St (the corner of Spruce & Simcoe) and because this petition directly affects my home, I would like to offer my comments & concerns for your consideration also:

- ① Regarding the petition itself - I was never contacted by Mr Cameron regarding this issue at the time he circulated his petition. I feel I should have been one of the first ones contacted as it directly involves/affects my home. Ten of the thirteen names on the petition live 3 & 4 blocks away from the intersection, and I fail to see why they were even involved in this petition (perhaps misled into signing it). Some are elderly, and are never seen walking or driving down this street. Some of them catch the bus at the bus stop on Hilman (by walking through the laneway). I fail to see how this has any affect on them, and in my opinion questions the validity of this petition.
- ② The city transit bus passes by my home every half hour from 6am to 1am daily. My

living room & bedrooms are approximately 40 ft - 50 ft from the road/corner. I would have to contend with the fumes from the bus and the noise of the bus breaking to stop & go all day long, and late into the evening. This would force me to keep my windows closed (especially in the summer). It would also affect my quality of sleep.

I have a front porch/parade, and this would also affect my time enjoying sitting out in the fresh air. (i.e. breathing the bus fumes & contending with the noise).

③ There are also some drivers who drive with their car windows down & the stereos & base blaring. We would have to contend with this noise 24 hours a day everytime they would come to the stop sign, especially at night.

④ In my opinion, I also feel that a 4way stop in low ~~to~~ traffic volume areas can leave you with a false sense of safety. Some local drivers, knowing the area well, and knowing the traffic volume is low, tend to roll through the stop signs.

⑤ As previously mentioned, I spend a fair amount of time on my front porch (spring to fall). From my observations there are only 2 approximately one hour peak periods - 7am - 8am and 3pm - 4pm Monday to Friday only. Traffic is...

local, not overly heavy, and the rest of the times is fairly quiet. Drivers do follow the speed limits. I feel this coincides with the findings of the Traffic Committee study, and I totally agree with their review.

Councillor Joe Cimino arranged last week to have the tree trimmed near the Simcoe stop sign making it clearly visible, and he also arranged to have cross-walk lines painted at both existing stop signs. I feel it was very commendable of Mr. Cimino to take the initiative to have this done.

This week I observed four school aged children getting on & off the bus at this intersection. They appear to be street-wise in crossing, & there is usually an adult present. I see no safety issue here. Drivers are courteous & always slow down & stop for the school buses.

In conclusion, I agree fully with the findings of the traffic committee study. And I also feel that a 4 way stop sign in front of my home would reduce the quality of my family's life (ie. bus fumes & constant noise all day & night).

Respectfully Submitted

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