

Without Prejudice

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Attn: To whom it may concern

Subject: Zone 7, P-03-156 (Dollard-Des-Ormeaux, Anselme-Lavigne)

Concern #1

Traffic Concerns: The new owners of the previously empty building started various religious activities that attract people from all over the place. A large amount of cars, heavy/unregulated traffic and unorganized parking are the immediate concerns, longer term concerns include potholes, and the subsequent road work (and inconvenience that follows) that will be required in order to fix them are the long term concerns. Every weekend starting on Friday, several times a year on holidays and once a year on Ramadan, lasting for thirty (30) days, the small street is subjected to large quantities of vehicles, leaving no street space to drive through, especially after a snowfall. The city tried to alleviate the difficult situation and put up “No Parking” signs on the west bound side of the street, but ultimately, the result is such that the residents are the ones who end up having even less space to park their own vehicles or move about. As a further consequence, friends and relatives coming to visit must park their vehicles a considerable walking distance away, whereas previously they were able to park directly in front of the house.

Concern #2

Privacy Concerns: Prior to the establishment of the centre, our house on 11 Collingwood, Dollard-Des-Ormeaux, was located such that it reflected the peace and quiet of living in a nice suburban neighbourhood. It is changed since the new cultural centre started the religious activities. As they attract people from all over the place, the street feels more and more like inter-city living, the cars parked outside block the once free view of the road and homes. It is unfair that the people who live in the immediate vicinity suffer the consequences that are associated with crowded residency areas. Consequences include loss of privacy and loss of security. It should be up to the residents in the immediate vicinity to decide as to whether or not they would be ready to accept a change such as this.

Sincerely,
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