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## **Re: Scarborough Golf Club Road Road Safety Improvements**

This letter in response to the proposed road safety improvements that were presented in the public consultation leaflet dated January 19, 2023.

### **OUR RECOMMENDATIONS**

We appreciate the opportunity to comment and would like to propose the following solutions which we believe are cost-effective and would address hazards which we identify below.

- Install STOP SIGNS on Scarborough Golf Club Road (hereafter SGCR) at the intersection of the road into Masaryktown. In effect this would create a three way stop. Motorists leaving from Masaryktown would no longer need to be as concerned about speeding cars or reduced sight lines of vehicles coming uphill / northbound along SGCR since all vehicles would be required to come to a full stop.
- We also recommend that THE BICYCLE LANES BE LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF SGCR. This would reduce traffic hazards for residents, businesses and visitors to Masaryktown, while achieving the objective of enabling cyclists to use a protected lane.

### **WHO WE REPRESENT**

We are writing on behalf of the residents and businesses that access SGCR from Masaryktown. This includes the following and are shown on the attached map:

**Masaryk Park Homes:** A six-story apartment building located at 452 Scarborough Golf Club Road consists of over 70 units for elders (55 and over).

**Masaryktown Residences:** A five-storey rental building located at 450 A&B Scarborough Golf Club Road with 90 plus family apartments and a one-storey building with 20 smaller apartments.

**The Prague Restaurant:** A wonderful restaurant serving traditional and eclectic meals that is open to the public as well as catering to corporate and social functions.

**Masaryk Memorial Institute:** A non-profit organization whose mission is to preserve and celebrate Czech and Slovak culture and history. We organize annual events for our community such as the Czech and Slovak Festival which in June 2022 attracted 400-500 people. In addition, the park is rented to Corporations or private individuals for picnics and weddings.

## **OUR CONCERNS ABOUT THE HAZARDS OF THE CURRENT PROPOSAL**

On any given day there will be hundreds of vehicles that enter onto SGCR from Masaryktown. There are also school buses that access SGCR from the Masaryktown Residences. This maneuver – accessing onto SGCR - is not without safety hazards and is challenging given that sightlines are obstructed. Adding and encouraging bicycles on SGCR will only exacerbate the hazards.

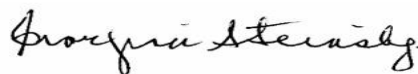
For example,

- Turning north from Masaryktown Park, the sightline for seeing oncoming southbound traffic is poor, especially as there are often parked vehicles on the west side of SGCR.
- One of the biggest problems are the drivers who speed northbound between the railway tracks and Confederation Drive. Cars often are travelling not only at great speed but also uphill which makes them less visible while passing our entrance onto SGCR.
- The sightlines are worse in winter when snow removal operators pile up snow right at the edge of the intersection on both sides of the road into Masaryktown Park.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the road safety improvements and I hope for a successful resolution to ensure road safety for all. If you have other suggestions for improving road safety for our residents and visitors, we are open to discuss these with you. I am available by email or please contact me at (416) 528-2140.

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Prague Restaurant, c/o M. Sulganova  
Paul Ainslie, Councillor for Scarborough Guildwood.

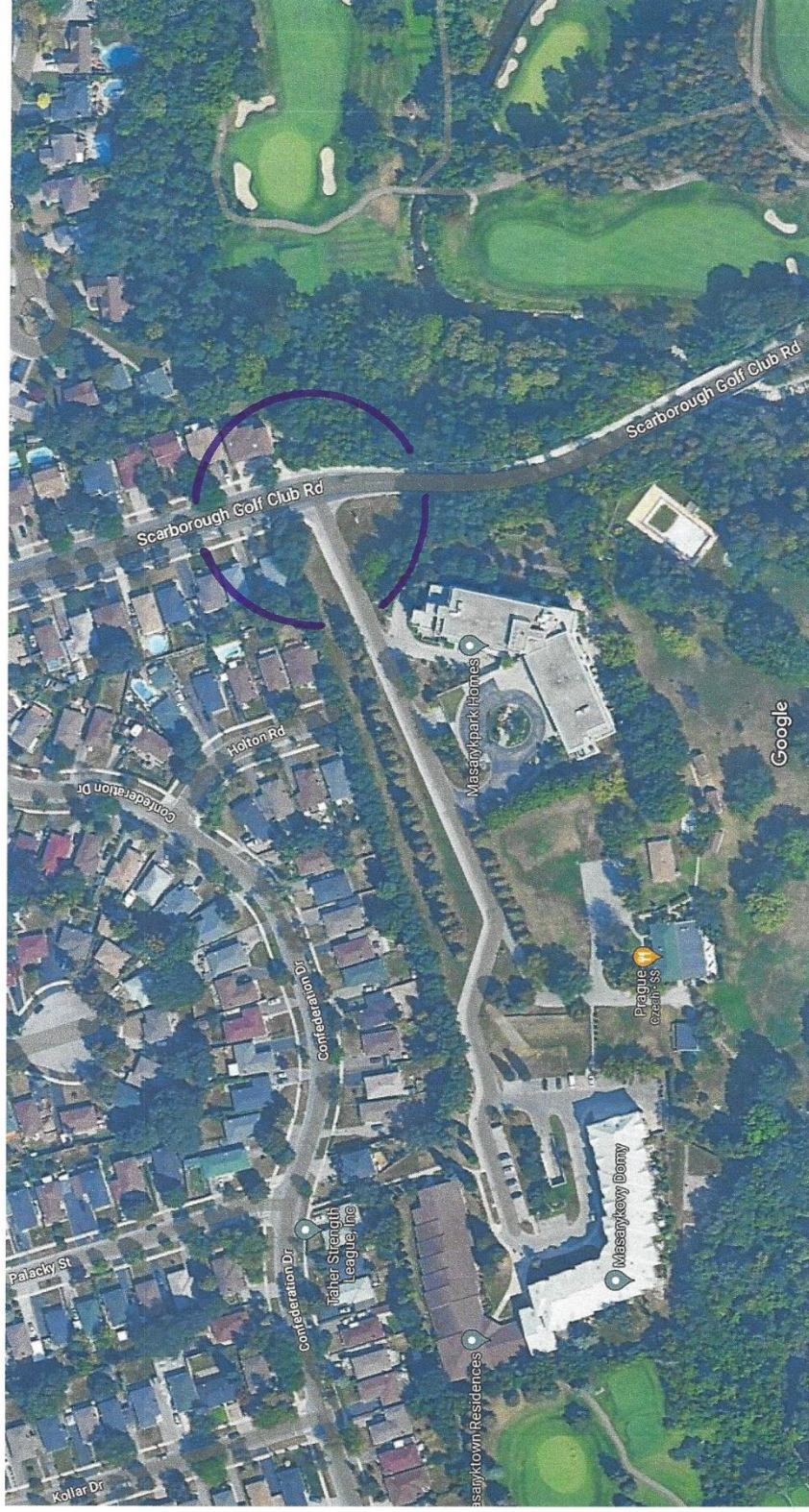
Attachments:

Map of 450 / 452 Scarborough Gold Club Road residences and businesses that have expressed concerns about road safety.

Signed petitions about road safety from residents at Masaryk Park Homes, Masaryktown Residents and concerned citizens that frequently visit Masaryktown.

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Google Maps



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**Scarborough Golf Club Road - area of traffic safety concern for residents of the Masaryk Park Homes, Masaryktown Residences, Prague Restaurant and the Masaryk Memorial Institute.**

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