

## Martin, Carrie

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**From:** WDRA President [mailto:president@westondownsra.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2015 4:30 PM  
**To:** Martin, Carrie  
**Cc:** Elisa DeCarolis; Maria DiNatolo; sharron pizzuto  
**Subject:** Re: Deputation at June 11, 2015

Hi Carrie,

Sorry for about this but I'd like to revised our list of deputants as follows;

Anthony Francescucci  
Maria Dinatolo  
Sharron Pizzuto  
Elisa DeCarolis

the other 3 deputations will be speaking as private citizens.

Thanks,

Anthony Francescucci  
President  
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**DECLARATION OF  
ANTHONY FRANCESCUCCI, DBA**

I, Anthony Francescucci, of the City of Vaughan, in the Province of Ontario, AFFIRM THAT:

1. I am currently President of the Weston Downs Ratepayers Association (“WDRA”), an association of residents representing the Weston Downs community in respect of matters that are before the City of Vaughan, the Region of York and otherwise as the case may be.

2. My full-time position is as a tenured professor at the Ted Rogers School of Management at Ryerson University in Toronto.

3. I make this affidavit in good faith and based on matters within my personal knowledge. Where I make statements herein that are based on information that was provided to me by others, I clearly identify where that is the case and verily believe all such information to be true and accurate.

4. My role as a President of the WDRA is a volunteer position and was based on a duly constituted election in accordance with WDRA by-laws. The WDRA has been formally recognized by and registered with the City of Vaughan.

5. In all cases where I speak before representatives of the City of Vaughan or the Region of York, I do so in my capacity as President of the WDRA and I clearly identify myself accordingly.

6. One of the material issues facing local residents is traffic infiltration within the Weston Downs community. Due to congestion on arterial roads abutting our community, a significant number of non-residents use our community streets as a means to bypass the aforementioned congestion. This results in unreasonable traffic on numerous roads within our community, creating increased concerns over safety and significant inconvenience for residents. The concerns associated with traffic within Weston Downs are well documented with the city and have been discussed on numerous occasions spanning several years.

7. As a result of community residents' ongoing opposition to traffic infiltration, the WDRA worked toward the development of a traffic solution, finalized only after numerous consultations with the public. The proposed solution was presented on the WDRA website, located at [www.westondownsra.com](http://www.westondownsra.com), and then presented live at the WDRA's annual general meeting ("AGM"), held at Vellore Village Community Centre on April 8, 2015.

8. The proposed traffic solution was previously presented to Councillor's DeFrancesca, DiBiase, Rosati and Ferri of the City of Vaughan on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and received verbal support from them. Subsequently, on February 17, 2015, City of Vaughan Council unanimously voted to accept the proposed turning restriction and to ask York Region to implement them.

9. The traffic solution involved placing turning restrictions at key entry/exit points to the Weston Downs community during peak hours. A pictorial copy of the proposed traffic solution is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

10. Following the AGM, in speaking with the personnel from Councillor Ferri's office from the City of Vaughan, I was advised that a group of residents from the north west corner of the community opposed the traffic solution. I understand that a petition requesting that the City not implement the traffic solution was submitted and was further advised that approximately 300 signatures were obtained.

11. I was quite surprised to discover that there was any opposition, as the great majority of residents I spoke with over the last few years advised that they were strongly in support of what the WDRA was proposing. I am advised by other members of the WDRA as well as others within the community with whom I have spoken that they received similar feedback in favour of our proposal.

12. The WDRA decided to confirm community support for its position and to clarify what it was we were trying to achieve with our proposed traffic solution. To that end, on or about May 9, 2015, I and several members of the WDRA delivered flyers to every single household in the Weston Downs community, directing people to (i) go to the WDRA website; (ii) review the updated traffic solution; and (iii) sign the petition in support or the traffic solution if they felt it made sense.

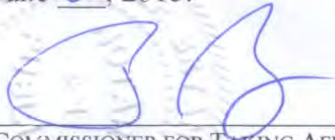
13. While delivering flyers door to door on Francesca Court, Deer Run Court, and Pinemeadow Drive (in the north west part of the community) I inevitably ended up speaking with several residents about the issue. In all cases, I was advised that the proponents of the opposing petition advocated that the WDRA solution was intended to permanently close access to the community at all hours of the day and night, in some cases with physical barriers. They were all surprised to hear that the WDRA's proposed turning restrictions contained no physical barriers whatsoever, were only for 2 hours each day and would not in any way limit emergency vehicles such as ambulances from accessing the community. Once the WDRA proposed traffic solution was explained, I was not shown any opposition. In fact, the residents I spoke with were supportive of our proposed solution, much as I'd believed was the case all along.

14. When I spoke with other WDRA members who had been delivering flyers, they advised that they were all told the same thing by residents.

15. Further to the above, on May 28, 2015, two residents from the north west part of the community arrived at the WDRA board meeting (specifically from Pinemeadow Dr). They came thinking the traffic solution would be discussed at this meeting. It was not part of the agenda. I took the opportunity to ask them if they wanted more information. They came because the information they were provided by the proponents of the opposing petition was inconsistent with what they had read on the flyers delivered by the WDRA. After telling them the facts about the solution, they indicated that was not what they were told and had they known the truth, they would not have signed the opposing petition.

16. Accordingly, it is my understanding and belief that many people who signed the opposing petition did so under a mistaken understanding of the nature and scope of the WDRA traffic solution, and would not have signed such opposing petition had they fully understood what the WDRA traffic solution was aiming to accomplish.

AFFIRMED BEFORE ME at the City of Vaughan, in the Province of Ontario, on June 6, 2015.



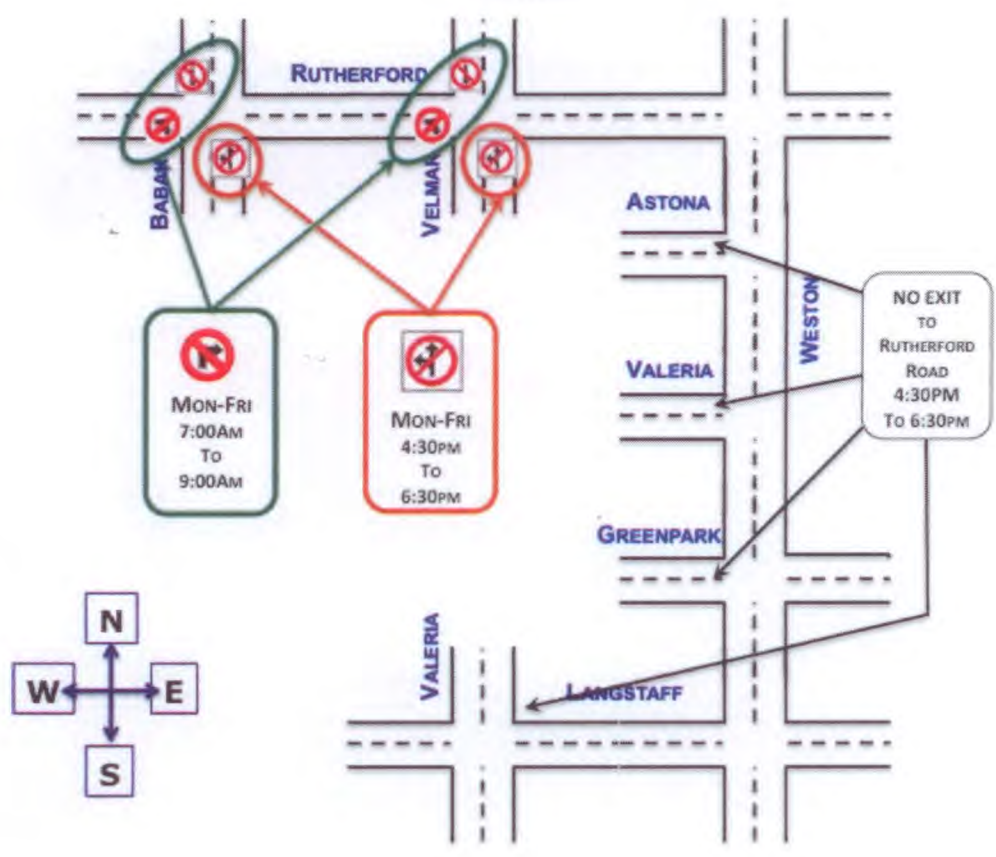
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Anthony Francescucci, DBA

THIS IS EXHIBIT "A" TO THE DECLARATION OF ANTHONY FRANCESCUCCI, SWORN JUNE 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015

*Anthony Francescucci*  
Exhibit "A"







# Weston Downs Ratepayers' Association

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## Upcoming Board Mtgs

Wed, Apr 29/15

7:30-9:30pm

Location: The Loft at Longos (Woodbridge), 9200 Weston Rd.

Thurs, May 28/15

7:30-9:30pm

Location: The Loft at Longos (Woodbridge), 9200 Weston Rd.

Wed, Jun 24/15

7:30-9:30pm

Location: The Loft at Longos (Woodbridge), 9200 Weston Rd.

Thurs, Jul 24/15

7:30-9:30pm

Location: The Loft at Longos (Woodbridge), 9200 Weston Rd.

Wed, Aug 26/15

7:30-9:30pm

Location: The Loft at Longos (Woodbridge), 9200 Weston Rd.

Wed, Sep 30/15

7:30-9:30pm

Location: The Loft at Longos (Woodbridge), 9200 Weston Rd.

## REVISED TRAFFIC INFILTRATION SOLUTION VIDEO

April 2015

[CLICK HERE to sign the Petition in Support](#)



This video is about 15 minutes in length. It describes the proposed solution and then answers some commonly asked questions.

PLEASE WATCH THE VIDEO TO UNDERSTAND WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED AND THEN;

[CLICK HERE to sign the Petition in Support](#)

Here is a sample of the traffic congestion  
in our Neighbourhood



# Petition Submitted in support of Weston Downs Ratepayers Association Proposed Turning Restriction

A petition was received by the Regional Clerk's Office on June 10, 2015 in support of turn restrictions in the Weston Downs area of the City of Vaughan.

Approximately 720 names and personal information are included on the petition.

Attached is a copy of the front five pages outlining the nature of the petition. A copy of the full petition is on file in the Regional Clerk's Office.



**Martin, Carrie**

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**From:** WDRA President [<mailto:president@westondownsra.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 10, 2015 11:20 AM  
**To:** Kelly, Denis  
**Cc:** Elisa DeCarolis; Matteo Galeano; Francesca DiFazio  
**Subject:** Petition submitted to York Region in support of the turning restriction before York Region COW Meeting June 11, 2015

The information, and in particular the personal information contained in this attached document is owned and protected by the Weston Downs Ratepayers Association (WDRA). It cannot be distributed or shared with anyone without the express written permission of the WDRA.

The WDRA submits this document and provides the Regional Clerk of York permission to distribute this document in paper or electronic form ONLY to members of York Region Council for purposes of discussion at the York Region Committee of the Whole meeting on June 11th, 2015. Members of York Region Council are asked to keep this information private and to not share this information in any form with anyone who is not a member of York Region Council. This information should not be posted to the York Region Website.

This document contains the names and personal information of residents of the Weston Downs Community who have signed the petition in support of the turning restrictions proposed before Regional Council.

On behalf of The Weston Downs Ratepayers' Association.

Thanks,

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The Weston Downs Ratepayers' Association.

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# York Region to Implement Traffic Infiltration Proposed by the WDRRA (April 5)



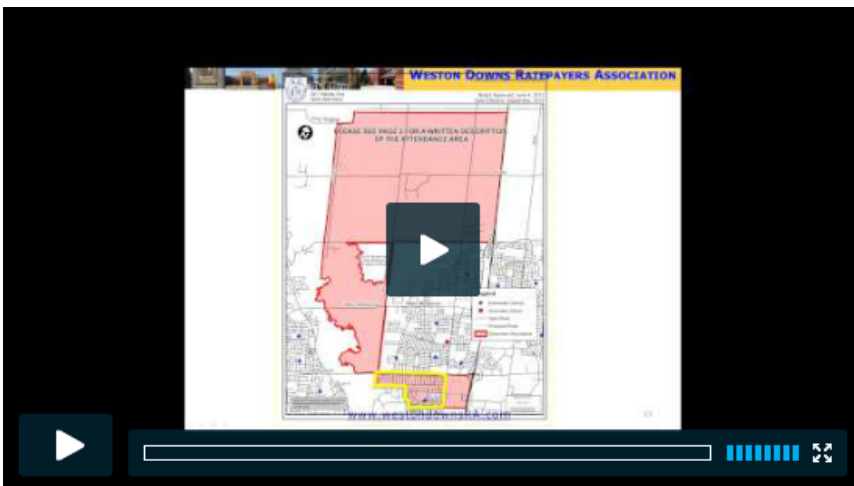
Signatures

377      25%      1,500

Opened on May 02, 2015

Traffic infiltration is a data documented issue in the Weston Downs Community (WDC). Unfortunately, there is significant traffic congestion that surrounds the exterior of the community. Consequently, commuters who do not live in the neighbourhood, use it as a way to bypass the traffic that surrounds the community. Under normal circumstances that would not be a problem. Unfortunately, the road network in the WDC was not planned properly by the City and as a result, there is one street that separates the north from the south end of the community. This creates a significant traffic bottleneck in the WDC, due to traffic infiltration by non-residents, which contributes to increased noise, pollution, danger to residents and traffic congestion.

The solution being proposed by the Weston Downs Ratepayers' Association (see video on our website at [www.westondownsRA.com](http://www.westondownsRA.com)) has been 2 years in the making, with significant community, Councillors, City & Regional staff input. It is designed to provide the greatest benefit, with the least inconvenience to most community members. No solution will satisfy all community members, however, the proposed solution satisfies a majority of the community. Please sign our petition to show your support of the solution.




## Sign this petition

The petition was **closed** by its owner, adding new signatures is disabled until further notice.

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# Siete STANCHI e PREOCCUPATI del volume di traffico nella comunità di Weston Downs creato dalle persone che usano le nostre strade come scorciatoia ?

L'associazione comunitaria di Weston Downs (WDRA) ha trascorso gli ultimi due anni, in collaborazione con la città di Vaughan e York Region, per trovare una soluzione, basata sui modelli di traffico, ed affrontare il problema d'infiltrazione di traffico in Weston Downs. La soluzione include un paio di restrizioni di svolta, per i periodi di massima attività durante la mattina e la sera, che non darà fastidio ai residenti di Weston Downs, mentre vieterà ai non residenti di usare le nostre strade (seguono i dettagli del video "Traffic Infiltration Solution"). L'associazione WDRA sostiene che la soluzione può ridurre il problema d'infiltrazione di traffico ed in una riduzione d' inquinamento, rumore, traffico, ed un aumento di sicurezza nella nostra comunità.

### Di mattina (dalle ore 7 fino alle 9 – solo durante la settimana):

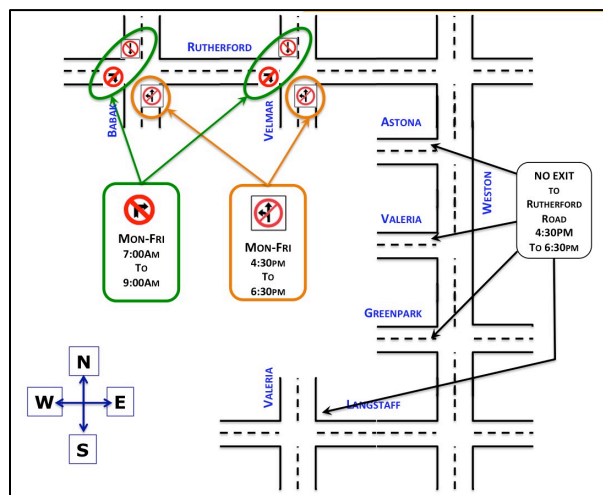
Non ci saranno mai delle restrizioni per uscire dalla comunità durante questo periodo. Chiunque può uscire da qualsiasi incrocio senza restrizione. Considerando che la maggior parte delle persone escono dalla comunità durante questa fascia oraria, non ci saranno problemi per i residenti di Weston Downs. L'unica restrizione sarà per loro che entreranno nella comunità dal lato est su Rutherford Road (a Babak Avenue e Velmar Drive) e che vorranno girare verso sud per entrare nella comunità, come ad esempio le persone che vengono da Via Campanile o St. Clare Boulevard in direzione sud. Tuttavia, se provenienti dall'ovest, non ci sono restrizioni, e si può girare verso sud nella comunità. Inoltre, qualsiasi persona può accedere nella comunità da tutti gli altri incroci su Weston Road e Langstaff Avenue.

### Di sera (dalle 16:30 alle 18:30 – solo durante la settimana):

Non ci saranno mai delle restrizioni per uscire dalla comunità durante questo periodo. Chiunque può uscire da qualsiasi incrocio. Dato che la maggior parte delle persone che entra nella comunità (come ad esempio chi ritorna dal lavoro) durante questo periodo non causa problemi agli abitanti di Weston Downs. L'unica restrizione è quella per uscire dalla comunità su Rutherford Road (a Babak Avenue e Velmar Drive) e per chi vuole girare verso ovest o andare dritto verso nord. Chiunque può uscire su Rutherford Road girando in direzione est. Invece se qualcuno dovesse avere degli impegni andando in direzione nord, est o sud dalla comunità di Weston Downs non dovrebbe esserci nessun problema perchè si può uscire su Rutherford Road (venendo dall'est) e agli incroci su Weston Road e Langstaff Avenue. L'unico problema si crea se si ha un appuntamento andando verso ovest della comunità di Weston Downs. Se questo è il caso, l'opzione migliore è quella di dirigersi verso sud della comunità e di uscire su Langstaff Avenue, poi di andare ovest lungo Langstaff fino a raggiungere la loro località west di Weston Downs. L'associazione ha già calcolato quanto tempo questo allungherebbe il tragitto normale durante il periodo di restrizione. I calcoli suggeriscono che nel peggiore dei casi il tragitto sarebbe tre minuti più lungo, ma sicuramente i benefici tratti da questa soluzione (come ad esempio meno inquinamento, rumori e traffico) compenserebbero per questi tre minuti aggiunti al tragitto.

### **LA SOLUZIONE**

Aiutateci a sostenere la nostra proposta  
**FIRMATE LA PETIZIONE**  
richiedendo che York Region  
implementi la soluzione proposta  
**Chiamate** al (289) 622-7676 con le vostre  
informazioni e vi aggiungeremo alla  
petizione





Are you  
**TIRED & CONCERNED**  
By the volume of traffic in  
Weston Downs  
created by those who  
use our neighbourhood as a shortcut

The Weston Downs Ratepayers' Association (WDRA) has spent the last 2 years, working with the City of Vaughan and the Region of York, to develop a solution, based on traffic patterns, to address the traffic infiltration problem in Weston Downs. The solution includes a couple of turning restrictions, during peak periods in the morning and in the evening, that will not inconvenience Weston Downs residents, while restricting non-residents from using our neighbourhood as a bypass (see the Revised Traffic Infiltration Solution video on our website [www.westondownsRA.com](http://www.westondownsRA.com) for more details). The WDRA proposes that our solution will reduce the traffic infiltration problem that will result in; less pollution, less noise, less traffic congestion, and increased safety in our neighbourhood.

Help us by supporting our solution by

**SIGNING OUR PETITION**

to demand

that York Region

implement the proposed solution.

VISIT

[WWW.WESTONDOWNSRA.COM](http://WWW.WESTONDOWNSRA.COM)

to watch the video & click on the link

to sign the online petition

Or

Call us at (289) 622-7676 with your information and  
we will add you to the petition

# Petition to Demand that York Region Implement The Traffic Solution Proposed by the WDRA.

## THE SOLUTION

In the mornings (between 7am - 9am - only on weekdays);

Anyone can exit at any intersection from the community without restriction. Given that most people are leaving the community during this time there is no issue for Weston Downs residents. As for entering the community during this time, the only restriction are for those who are travelling eastbound on Rutherford Rd (at Babak Ave and Velmar Drive) and want to turn south into the community, as well as anyone travelling southbound on Via Campanile or St. Clare Blvd. However, if anyone is travelling westbound they can turn south into the community. Furthermore, anyone can also enter the community at any of the other intersection along Weston road and Langstaff Ave.

In the evenings (between 4:30pm - 6:30pm - only on weekdays);

Anyone can enter the community without restriction at any intersection into. Given that most people are returning from work during this time there are no issues for Weston Downs residents. As for exiting the community during this time, the only restriction are for those who are exiting at Rutherford Rd (at Babak Ave and Velmar Drive) and want to turn Westbound or travel northbound. Anyone can still exit at Rutherford Rd if they are turning eastbound. If anyone has an appointment that is to the North, East or South of Weston Downs, it should NOT be a problem because they can exit at Rutherford (if travelling eastbound) as well as any intersections along Weston Road and Langstaff Ave. The only issue is if they have an appointment that is West of Weston Downs. If that is the case, the best option would be to travel south through the community and exit at Langstaff Ave, then travel west along Langstaff to their location west of Weston Downs. We have measured how much time this would add to a typical commute during the restricted time. Our calculations indicate that in the average extra time it would take to take this alternate route is 1 and ½ minutes. Surely the benefits that would result from this solution (such as less pollution, noise, congestion and increase safety) would outweigh the 1 and ½ minutes added to ones commute time.

