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Via email: [denis.kelly@york.ca](mailto:denis.kelly@york.ca)

Dear Mr. Kelly:

Re: Traffic Impact on Nobleton from Canadian Tire's new Warehouse in Bolton (operational 2016) by its tractor trailers and bobtails on their way to and from Hwy 400

We are pleased to note that York Region is considering supporting Streetscaping in Nobleton. That will certainly help enhance the liveability and walkability of the town of Nobleton. However, we have a serious concern about the tractor trailers and bobcats that will be coming to and from the new Canadian Tire Warehouse to be constructed on the west side of Bolton which will be operational by 2016. This will decrease the liveability and walkability for our town.

I have written to King Council about this situation. Please see the attached letter.

I was wondering if York Region could help as well.

Thank you for considering how you might assist.

Sincerely  
Nancy Hopkinson

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Oct. 23, 2013

Dear Mayor Steve Pellegrini and Members of Council:

Did you think that the new warehouse proposed by Canadian Tire to be located on the west side of Bolton was going to this location, partly because of access to the rail yards to distribute their goods?

That is what I thought, but I was wrong. All of the transportation is to be done by trucks, great big ones, tractor trailers and bobtails. The tractor trailer's average payload from the Brampton plant in 2011 (the plant is being moved to Bolton) was 28,379 pounds and that 99.8% of those outbound trips had payloads under 50,000 pounds. The inbound loads were ONLY 19,048 pounds on average.

This plant will operate for 20 hours a day. So trucks will roll out and back from 6 am to 2 am.

BA Group did a Transportation Study for Canadian Tire called "Bolton Distribution Centre, Coleraine Drive & Holland Drive, Transportation Considerations, December 2011, November 2012". One of the truck routes shown in Appendix Figure 7 is going south on Coleraine from the plant, east on Mayfield Rd., north on Hwy 50 and turning east on the King Rd. through Nobleton on its way to Highway 400. Since Caledon does not allow trucks to turn at Hwy 50 and the King Rd., the trucks would really go north on the Albion Vaughan Road and then east on the King Rd. In that way, the Bolton residents will be unaffected, but not the Nobleton residents and businesses.

In this study, P. 24, it states "BA Group reviewed the truck routes and turning restrictions on area roads to determine the most direct and logical trucking routes allowed by the Town and Region." I guess that they missed that restriction at Hwy 50 and the King Rd.

What can York Region and/or King Township do to protect Nobleton from very heavy tractor trailers barrelling through Nobleton at all hours of the day and night?

Nobleton United Church was not built to withstand this type of traffic. It was built in 1896 and is very close to the newly widened King Rd. Heavy tractor trailers such as these from the new Canadian Tire warehouse will likely damage the Church. Many of the buildings in Nobleton are very close to the King Rd. Several of the older homes along the King Rd. are either designated as heritage buildings (Hamley House) or are on the heritage inventory list.

King Township should

- hire a Transportation consulting group to look at the impact that a big warehouse like Canadian Tire will have on the truck traffic through Nobleton (including reviewing BA's report) and have this group propose solutions to limit this traffic.
- advocate for a bypass for Nobleton
- impose restrictions on truck traffic so that tractor trailers and bobtails are not allowed on the King Rd. early in the morning and after 9 pm at night and not at all on Sundays.
- make restrictions on trucks turning at Highway 27 and the King Rd. I note that Caledon does not allow trucks to turn at Hwy 50 and the King Rd.
- write to the Honourable Linda Jeffrey, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to ask her to revoke her Minister's Zoning Order which bypassed due process. With public input, the right decisions on transportation are more likely to be made.

Sincerely,  
Nancy Hopkinson