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Subject: Support for motion to twin Wilkes

Good morning,

My name is Kristel Arnold, and I live at in Winnipeg. I'm writing to you this morning to put my support for Councillor Morantz's motion to twin Wilkes on the public record. I'd like to share with you why I support this motion.

We purchased our lot in 2011 after doing much research into the neighbourhood. This included a review of City planning documents including the transportation master plan, which suggested Wilkes would be twinned in the future. We loved the area! The wildlife and country setting were the perfect place for us to raise our future family! We built our home and a few years later, welcomed our first child.

Then we received a knock on our door in 2015 from our neighbour. He showed us the City of Winnipeg website and information on the extension of William Clement Parkway.... which included options to align the Parkway with either a widened Wilkes or with an extended Sterling Lyon Parkway. One of the options to align the parkway had an off ramp that went through our living room!

We were surprised, disappointed, and angry. The maps being used in consultations were from before 2010 (more than 15-20 homes did not appear on those maps), giving the false impression that the extension of Sterling Lyon Parkway would impact few residents. Further, while we had the potential to loose our beloved home, we never received any notice that we could be impacted - no letters were sent to anyone on the street. When I asked the City how they advised residents, they said that they advertised in the MetroOne... which no one South of Wilkes receives (we receive the Headliner).

We were relieved to read that residents North of Wilkes who were participating in the William Clement Parkway consultations preferred the twinning of Wilkes over any other option. We waited to learn the chosen route, checking back to the City website every few weeks for the last year and a half (just in case signing up for emails on the project wasn't enough).

And then we were surprised again. And angry and disappointed. We learned that the City planned to move forward with a forth route never discussed with anyone in the community North or South of Wilkes, and that our neighbours had been contacted with expropriation letters. How could this happen? Our peaceful neighbourhood would be cut in half with a freeway running through it. Aside from noise and declining property values, we worried about the safety of our kids (our second one due in a few weeks) and the abundance of wildlife that live in the area.

I ask you as councillors to stand up for your constituents by supporting this motion that will send a clear signal to City planners and the consultants and construction companies they hire: consultation and transparency are of utmost importance to Winnipeg and the only way for citizens to have trust in the officials they elect. Never again should a project move forward without consulting with those who could be impacted, and without keeping elected officials apprised of plans that affect their constituents.

Thank you for your support.

Kristel Arnold

Sent from my iPhone