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ITEM 13 OF THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DATED JULY 9, 2024 - REMOVAL OF TRAFFIC STUDY REQUIREMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

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Delegation information

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Item 13 - Removal of Traffic Study Requirement for Development Applications

I am opposed to the recommendations

Submit comments in writing

Comments

I understand that this doesn't mean that a traffic study will not be done, but I am nervous about the implications of this. Especially with the development of large apartment buildings in my neighbourhood of Lord Roberts. Our streets have gotten busier and with two more large buildings being erected in the next few years, an increase of traffic in this neighbourhood is likely. Although they are "Transit-Oriented" apartment developments, as far as I can tell, there is no option for retail to be included in those spaces so people will likely still opt for a car and increase traffic as it's still not a viable destination with easy access to food/grocery stores and light retail (the walk to Osborne is still 20+ minutes and there's not much on Pembina there). Traffic will increase because people will still need cars. Please consider ways to make destinations exist with groceries etc.. along rapid transit lines so that cars are not required.

Finally, we recently completed a Lord Roberts Neighbourhood traffic study, and I am worried we'll need to do one again in light of the influx of density. With this proposal I'm concerned that we won't get that.