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FW: MacLachlan College

On Mar 23, 2019, at 5:32 AM, Sally Martins [REDACTED] > wrote:

Dear Councillor,

For 40 years MacLachlan College has operated in the core of Oakville. It is an active member of the community with a tradition of service and one that actively teaches all students the critical importance of being a responsible, active member of the community. As a parent and Oakville resident I am so very proud of the quality of education our city offers to our children and it was one of the driving reasons that drew me and many others to settle here. I encourage you to support the school's plans for expansion.

Family name: Martins/Pegg

Address: [REDACTED] Thruxton Drive

Many thanks,
Sally Martins

[REDACTED]

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On Mar 21, 2019, at 10:17 PM, Therese Järnkrok [REDACTED] > wrote:

Dear Councillor,

For 40 years MacLachlan College has operated in the core of Oakville. It is an active member of the community with a tradition of service and one that actively teaches all students the critical importance of being a responsible, active member of the community. I am the parent of a MAC student and I encourage you to support the school's plans for expansion.”

Family name: Therese & Niclas Jarnkrok

Address: [REDACTED] Bayshire Dr, [REDACTED]

Regards,
Therese Jarnkrok

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FW: McLaughlin College Issue

From: John Valley

Date: March 22, 2019 at 4:07:52 PM EDT

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Good afternoon, folks. As an aside, as I write this, Bob Seger and Jason Aldean are in the background singing a great version of "Against the Wind". I hope that this isn't an unfortunate precursor!

You may recall that I made an impromptu set of comments at the March 18th meeting on the above referenced issue. Having returned from business meetings in London and Paris shortly before that meeting and not having time to prepare and submit a formal brief, I would like to both thank you and commend you for having a format that allowed for such input to be offered by concerned residents on a short notice basis.

Related to those comments, I wish to emphasize three of the points I endeavoured to make. These are:

1—There are requirements and standards relative to building design generally and construction within the Heritage District in particular. Having recently completed a renovation and addition to our home at 230 Reynolds St, I have no doubt that the final product at the College would be forced to respect those requirements for materials and construction. That said, I did find the "cubist" appearance of the north side addition way out of character!

However, code and heritage construction material standards are one thing...the underlying principles of maintaining the tone and character of the Heritage District are something of far greater and more enduring significance/import. This proposed development in terms of both the increase of footprint/presence and the scale of the school's day to day operation is a flagrant affront to those underlying principles.

2—Regarding traffic, four comments and one request:

- i) Traffic is an underestimated issue. Indeed, with the current student population, it is a negative to both neighbourhood traffic in all directions and to through traffic on Trafalgar. Now add +30% to that load.
- ii) The proposed options for access and egress will only spread this problem, regardless of the student population. Add to that a 30-35% increase in student population and the traffic issue will both increase and spread.
- iii) Traffic studies appear to have been done with regard to this proposed expansion only and have failed to take into account the increase in traffic

that will result from the coincident developments related to both the community center and the housing projects.

- iv) The traffic studies have also been conveniently restricted to immediate intersections and fail to take into account the impacts on the “broader neighbourhoods”.

I believe that the Town should conduct its own study that covers both an expanded coverage area for Reynolds, Allan and MacDonald, and takes into account the coincident developments referenced above. This should include the likelihood that Reynolds St will become an alternate, if not a preferred route. Given the speed of current traffic on Reynolds, I would also suggest that the installation of speed bumps running well to the south of MacDonald be seriously considered. I have raised this possibility with Councillor Haslett-Theall directly.

3—I raise my final point, with respect, and hope that it is accepted in the right vein.

The Town has taken a considered and aggressive position regarding the preservation of the Glen Abbey Golf Course. The rationale on which that position was taken was I’m sure carefully considered and well thought through and is being well defended.

Surely if a 40 year old golf course is considered worthy of Heritage designation and defense, then the tone and character of Oakville’s Heritage District deserves an equal protection of the principles that have allowed this well recognized and lauded District to be maintained.

I am available to answer any questions that you might have. Best contact numbers are shown below.

Respectfully submitted, I remain,

John Valley

Home number

Cell number