

The Hon. Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation
5th Floor
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Dear Ms. Mulroney,

I am writing to you to request your support for the Gordon Woods Homeowners Association in Ward 7 in the City of Mississauga. The homeowners are in an ongoing dispute regarding the construction of an Above Ground Valve Compound located at the corner of Dickson Road and Premium Way by the Ministry of Transportation and Trans-Northern Pipelines Inc. (TNPI).

This above ground valve compound is of great concern to the residents of the Gordon Woods community. It presents an obtrusive, industrial structure at the entrance to an established and desirable neighbourhood that is completely unacceptable to the residents. It infringes on the quality and desirability of their community affecting both their personal enjoyment and their safety.

To fully appreciate the validity of their concerns, I am attaching a few photographs that show just how big and unsightly the valve is. I am sure we could agree, that none of us would want something like this at the end of our street. I would be pleased to arrange a tour of the site for you to fully appreciate the looming structure and its inappropriateness for this location if you wish.



The solution is simple. All we are asking is that the valve be moved 75 meters to the west of its current location. The land is crown land owned by Hydro One but they have been unwilling to accommodate the compound despite making allowances in other locations, such as a road allowance through the hydro corridor lands connecting to Central Parkway.

Other options include burying the valve below grade. The home owners and I as the ward councillor have tried every avenue to arrive at a reasonable compromise including reaching out to TNPI, the Ministry of Transportation staff and the Canada Energy Regulator with several options including burying the valve station

or moving the station a little to the west. To this point TNPI and the Ministry of Transportation have been unwilling to make changes or consider other locations that would be acceptable to the Gordon Woods residents.

Unfortunately, despite the strong objection voiced by the local community TNPI has continued to build the valve station.

The city of Mississauga Council formally moved a motion unanimously on the unsuitability of the current location attached to this letter.

I respectfully ask for your assistance and support in engaging with TNPI to reach a resolution to this issue that is satisfactory to the Gordon Woods Homeowners Association. I believe if there is political will to aid the residents we can correct this situation. Thank you for your time and attention to this issue and I look forward to your response. I simply ask that as elected representatives we ask the question:

Would we want something like this at the end of our street?

I think we can all agree that what the residents are asking for is reasonable.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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Councillor, Ward 7, City of Mississauga

Cc: Premier Doug Ford

Cc: Hon. Greg Rickford, Ontario Minister of Energy

Cc: Gordon Woods Home Owners Association