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The City of Kitchener has expressed concerns of traffic on Caryndale Drive in the area of Brigadoon Public School and the surrounding neighbourhood, including Hearthwood Dr, Hearthbridge St, Chapel Hill Dr and Evenstone Ave. They are considering an option of extending Biehn Drive from its current dead-end to Robert Ferrie.

Much traffic from the Doon South area currently uses Robert Ferrie Drive to then navigate itself through the Caryndale Drive neighbourhood for the purpose of getting to beyond the north side of the Brigadoon community into the area of the Huron Road and Strasburg Road intersection, to then travel beyond that point. Traffic does this by taking Caryndale to Biehn Drive, then using the routes of either Marl Meadow and Templewood to Strasburg Rd or Battler Road to Huron Road. I know this because I live in Doon South and routinely take these routes, being in a parade of other vehicles cutting through Brigadoon for the shortest route to get to and from the Huron/Strasburg area and beyond.

If the dead-end of Biehn Drive were extended to Robert Ferrie, I would still go from Robert Ferrie onto Caryndale Drive instead of using the Biehn Drive extension because Caryndale would remain the closest and shortest pathway to connect me to the existing Biehn Drive corridor for cutting through Brigadoon to Huron. If some traffic was in fact diverted off of Caryndale from Robert Ferrie Drive onto a new Biehn Drive extension, all of this traffic would still rejoin the existing route through the Brigadoon community of Biehn Drive from Caryndale to Marl Meadow or Battler exits. Nothing would be improved in that area at all with a potential for only a minor improvement in traffic flow for a small area.

The attached photo below, was taken at 7:40 am on Sept 6th 2024. It shows the intersection of Caryndale at Biehn Drive with the dead end portion of Biehn drive to the right side of the photo. At this intersection, all current traffic would still reunite despite a Biehn Drive extension, to travel on the existing northward portion of Biehn Drive.

This proposed extension of Biehn Drive does nothing to reduce the overall traffic cutting through the Brigadoon community, but would do damage to the quiet neighbourhood of Spencer Crt and the residents at the current end of Biehn Drive as a result of the traffic the city anticipates would use the extension instead of Caryndale.

For a real solution and best use of tax dollars, Robert Ferrie Drive needs to be extended from Caryndale through to the new Strasburg Road extension. This would be a much shorter, faster and easier route to take for the whole Doon South community to get to and from the Strasburg-Huron area. It is the only option which would actually remove the Doon South traffic off of both Caryndale Drive and Biehn Drive. It would greatly contribute to a more peaceful and safer south-Brigadoon neighbourhood which the city has been expressing concern about, as well as greatly improving the north half of the

Brigadoon community as well. An extension of Robert Ferrie to Strassburg Road will improve Brigadoon at large, whereas an extension of Biehn Drive is ineffective.

Having done policing for thirty years, I can assure you that emergency services response to the Spencer Crt and cul-de-sac portion of Biehn Drive would be improved by less traffic on both Caryndale and Beihn Drive by the building of the Robert Ferrie extension, which would also allow these emergency services the new corridor to and from Strasburg Road for more route options and increased efficiency. The extension of Biehn Drive does not accomplish this objective.

Additionally, a Biehn Drive extension would be environmentally problematic. Conflicting with natural underground and above ground aquifers by paving over wetlandands and trying to build and force the existence of new wetlands to compensate for the loss of the naturally occurring features, is foolish. There are financial reasons, risks of future flooding, and impacts on the natural wildlife on land and in streams in this area, all which make a Biehn Drive extension as unwise as it is unnecessary.

