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To the Board:

Subject: Potential Changes to Ossington Bus Route

I recently learned that the route of the Ossington 63 route is up for discussion. There is apparently a proposal before the board to divert the route along Winona, Tyrrell, and Alberta, in order to accommodate the needs of the residents of the Hellenic Home.

While I appreciate that the steep hill on Winona is difficult for seniors to navigate, the proposed rerouting sounds like an absolutely terrible idea. The streets in question are not wide enough to accommodate a bus; some of those right turns would be very difficult to navigate. There are already traffic issues around the schools due to school buses, as McMurrich hosts a program for Deaf and hard of hearing children who are bussed in from other parts of the city, and next year even more children will be bussed to a new program at McMurrich for gifted children. There are enough problems with impatient drivers rolling through the 4-way stop at Winona and Tyrrell; adding city buses to the mix will only make things worse, especially as the intersection will get completely blocked by buses unable to navigate the turn.

I urge you to do further study and to allow more feedback from the community before going ahead with this plan. I only stumbled across this proposal by accident, and we live in the area, and my son attends McMurrich! Shouldn't there be more community consultation?

Thanks,

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