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Ms. Maureen Adamson, Vice-Chair of TTC

Mr. Andy Byford, CEO of TTC

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**Re: Petition against proposed TTC bus garage at McNicoll Ave.**

February 13, 2014

On behalf of the undersigned residents of Mon Sheong Court 孟當閣 (2020, McNicoll) and a few relatives of residents at Mon Sheong Long-Term Care (2030, McNicoll), we are presenting to you our petition (183 signatures in an attached file) against the construction of a TTC bus garage right next door to our residence.

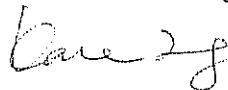
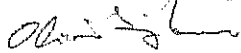
Mon Sheong Long-Term Care is a 160-bed nursing home and the resident's average age is around 85. Mon Sheong Court is a 11-storeyed senior building with 246 apartments. The residents of both places are predominantly Chinese. Many do not understand English.

Recently, we were shocked to find out from the Chinese newspaper (Ming Pao) that the Toronto TTC is planning to build a bus garage to service 250 buses right next door to Mon Sheong Long-Term Care. None of us at Mon Sheong Court received any notice to attend the public meeting held on Nov. 27, 2013. We oppose the construction of this parking/maintenance garage because **among the 8 existing TTC bus garages, none of them are as close to people's residences as this one.** Such a facility will fill our air with cancer-causing exhaust from diesel buses. It has been widely demonstrated that air pollution is a major environmental risk of health, especially among children and the elderly. This will increase the burden of disease and hospitalization from respiratory infections, heart disease and lung cancer. Nobody wants to live in a polluted area, particularly those who are old, feeble, suffering from illnesses, and cannot fight for their human rights themselves!

Needless to say, the noise level of these buses from 4 am to midnight will greatly disturb our sleep. The buses will also cause traffic jams and safety hazard for pedestrians crossing the intersection of Kennedy and McNicoll, especially seniors and students. In addition, this bus garage will no doubt impact negatively the school and community centre nearby!

Although this region was zoned industrial, residential development has moved into the neighborhood lately. With the continued push for the subway extension on Sheppard all the way east to McCowan, we wonder if TTC should be planning for a bus depot further east. We believe that there are better sites for this facility in eastern Scarborough where the population density is lower.

We hope that you will understand our concern and listen to our voice. We have contributed to society in our younger years and we hope that society will treat us justly and protect us in return in our old age!



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