

Regina Planning Commission and to whom else this may concern at the City of Regina,

The greatly increased traffic noise has been an ongoing irritant ever since the new City By-pass was opened to 9th Ave. N. The stretch of road on 9th Ave. N. from Courtney St. west to the new by-pass, **is not and has never been designed for the purpose it is now used for !**

1. All of the homes backing onto 9th Ave. N. and the Ring Road which are located east of Courtney St. are much further away from the actual highway.
2. All of the homes backing onto 9th Ave. N. and the Rind Road which are located east of Courtney St. have some type of sound barrier in the form of a raised berm, a wall of trees or a combination of both.
3. All of the homes backing onto 9th Ave. N. west of Courtney St. have experienced massive and destructive snow buildup in their backyards, for many years, due to the lack of a raised berm, a wall of trees or a combination of both. Even a snow fence would have helped !

To alleviate this problem, it is essential the City of Regina divert 9th Ave. N. west of Courtney St. north of it's present pathway to allow a proper distance between the homes and the soon to be highway ! That new roadway diversion can then be re-directed back to hook up with the by-pass currently in place.

A raised berm and a wall of trees (preferably evergreens) should also be planted to further reduce the noise and add natural beauty to the roadway.

The citizens of Westhill Park, backing onto 9th Ave. N. did not purchase their homes with the understanding their backyards would be that close to a future highway. This needs to be addressed immediately!!

We all know if this problem is not dealt with in the planning stages, it will never be dealt with and the City of Regina will look rather incompetent and short sighted in the eyes of the public.

**I implore you to please add this submission to the public agenda for the April 20th Council meeting.**

**Sincerely,**

**Mike Raedeke**

**32 year resident of Westhill Park who backs onto 9th Ave. N.**