## Restricted Times for Shaganappi Trail NW Truck Route Stakeholder Engagement Overview

## Truck Route Committee:

The City of Calgary's Truck Route Committee met on 2016 August 31 and discussed the issue of Shaganappi Trail and the proposed weekend restrictions for truck travel. Members were not aware of any recent complaints regarding truck volume, noise or driver behaviour along this stretch of road. The Truck Route Committee was opposed to the restrictions being considered for Shaganappi Trail. Several private companies, including some who participate as members of the Truck Route Committee, have submitted letters in opposition to the proposed restrictions. These letters have been included with this document.

## Ward 2 Community Groups:

Administration met with the Community Association (CA) Presidents for Kincora and Sherwood on 2016 September 19 and discussed how they felt Shaganappi Trail was operating as a truck route, and what impact the proposed weekend restrictions could have.

The Sherwood CA President was aware of noise concerns from some residents located near Shaganappi Trail, including the Sherwood Square area and at the corner of Symons Valley Parkway. The Sherwood representative did also identify areas of concern on the road that related to truck traffic:

- 1. Traffic congestion during the morning rush hours (6:00 8:00 AM), possibly due to the timing of lights on southbound Shaganappi Trail at Stoney Trail.
- 2. The lack of a Traffic Signal at the intersection of Shaganappi Trail and Sherwood Gate. Left hand turn is challenging due to width of the divided roadway, and the curve of Shaganappi Trail at this location.

While the Sherwood CA President felt that that a weekend restriction on trucks could provide some relief to concerned residents, it was acknowledged that the proposal would not address truck traffic sound levels during the rest of the week.

The Kincora CA President was aware of ongoing noise and safety concerns from some residents whose properties are below the level of the roadway – they back onto a berm, where the trucks north-bound on Shaganappi Trail are visible. Administration did confirm that a sound level study for the Shaganappi Trail report was conducted in this area. The Kincora CA President submitted the following comment by email on 2016 September 21:

After careful consideration of this motion, and consultation with residents and our board, the Kincora Community Association cannot support this motion. Our concerns are with shunting of the truck traffic to Symons Valley Road and Sarcee Trail, since the trucks cannot use Shaganappi Trail. Symons Valley Road borders our community as well, and increasing traffic on that road would increase noise level for our other residents, and decrease safety for those pedestrians who use Symons Valley Road.

Thank you very much for your information and bringing this matter to our attention.



August 25, 2016

The City of Calgary
Truck Route Committee
P.O. Box 2100
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Calgary, Alberta
T2P 2M5

Attention: Mr. Anthony El-araj, Traffic Leader, Roadway Operations & Detours, Traffic Engineering

Dear Mr. El-araj:

Re: Restricted Times for Shaganappi Trail Truck Route – Notice of Motion

Please accept this correspondence as notice that RioCan Management Inc. (RK (Sage Hill) Inc.) are strongly opposed to the Notice of Motion proposing the restriction of truck access on Shaganappi Trail. As owners of the newly constructed Sage Hill Shopping Centre, it is critical that our tenants have the ability to receive truck deliveries 7 days a week. As you know the shopping centre is home to several prominent retailers. Wal-Mart has been operating at this location for over a year and the Loblaw's City Market opened earlier this year. Both businesses rely heavily on 7 day deliveries to meet their fresh daily food obligations. Loblaws City Market, for example, receives 5 to 7 full-sized delivery trucks from the Loblaws Warehouse and 3 to 4 vendor deliveries each weekend, during the proposed blackout period.

As you can see on the attached plan the current delivery route to our centre is very efficient as trucks access Shaganappi Trail from the Stoney Trail Interchange and drive 2 km to our site. Shaganappi Trail is a four lane arterial road that was designed to carry traffic of all types from the ring road highway into the northwest communities of the City. Calgary Council, on the advice of the City staff, designated the Sage Hill Retail/Commercial block (Sage Hill Shopping Centre) in the ARP and Direct Control Zoning Bylaw. One of the elements that was carefully considered in the planning analysis that led to the retail/commercial designations, was access to an arterial transportation route, in order to serve the shopping centre's tenants and customers. Shaganappi Trail to Stoney Trail provides that critical transportation link. Shopping centres are a vital element of any well planned community. For the businesses within those centres to offer the merchandise and services that the community demands, they must be able to receive the merchandise in an unrestricted manner. Foregoing these weekend deliveries is not an option in the grocery business.

I strongly ask the Committee to consider our position in its review of the notice of motion request.

Sincerely,

Stuart Craig

Vice-President of Planning & Development RioCan Management Inc. (RK (Sage Hill) Inc.



August 29, 2016

VIA EMAIL

The City of Calgary Truck Route Committee P.O. Box 2100 Station M Calgary, Alberta T2P 2M5

Attention: Mr. Anthony El-araj, Traffic Leader, Roadway Operations & Detours, Traffic Engineering

Dear Mr. El-araj:

RE: Restricted Times for Shaganappi Trail Truck Route – Notice of Motion

Please accept this correspondence as notice that Loblaw Companies Limited is strongly opposed to the Notice of Motion proposing a weekend restriction on trucks along Shaganappi Trail between Stoney Trail and 144<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Earlier this year, a significant investment in the community was made by opening our City Market grocery concept in the Sage Hill Shopping Centre. This concept is new to the Calgary marketplace and focuses on creating an inspiring food shopping experience for the customer by offering a diverse mix of fresh food product. Receiving daily deliveries is essential for the store to continue providing the community with a strong product offering. The store is busiest on the weekends and typically receives between 5 to 7 full-sized Loblaw trucks and 3 to 4 vendor deliveries over that time frame. Restricting deliveries through the weekend is not a viable option.

Throughout the planning and development process, vehicle loading was designed to be facilitated directly from Shaganappi Trail. The overall delivery routing, vehicle turning movements, and City Market loading docks were all designed to utilize the right in/out vehicle access directly from Shaganappi Trail into the Sage Hill Shopping Centre. Shaganappi Trail is a major four lane arterial road that was designed specifically to carry different kinds of traffic from the ring road highway to the northwest communities of Calgary. Restricting truck routing on Shaganappi Trail after the detailed planning and development process which contemplated that very road being used for truck movements is counter-intuitive and strongly opposed by Loblaw.

I would kindly request that the Committee take our serious concerns into consideration when reviewing the Council Notice of Motion request.

Sincerely,

Per:

Mr. Sean Makowecky

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Loblaw Companies Limited



August 29, 2016

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Mr. Anthony El-araj, P.Eng. Traffic Leader

SUBJECT:

Motion by Councilor Joe Magliocca to restrict trucks on Shaganappi Trail from

Stoney Trail to 144 Ave NW on weekends.

Dear Sir:

In response to your letter dated August 15, 2016 Lafarge Canada wants to provide feedback to the City's Transportation Planning Department report for City Council regarding Mr. Magliocca's motion to restrict truck traffic on Shaganappi Trail from 6pm Friday to 6am Monday.

In Councillor Magliocca's motion letter dated July 21, 2016, it clearly states the City of Calgary has designated Shaganappi Trail NW as a truck route. At present the Shaganappi Trail NW truck route is an effective, seven day a week, route for trucks to haul goods and services. This truck route has always been considered by the City of Calgary to be one of the major haul routes for truck traffic. Shaganappi Trail is a 4 lane divided roadway that has been designed to handle truck traffic that originates from the existing gravel pits located in NW Calgary. Where it intersects Stoney Trail, Shaganappi Trail was designed for heavy truck traffic to enter and exit the Stoney Trail freeway safely and efficiently. Restricting truck traffic on Shaganappi Trail during weekends will cause increased traffic congestion on 85 Street, Sarcee Trail, Country Hills Blvd and Symons Valley Rd. Removing truck traffic from Shaganappi on weekends will only transfer those trucks to the other roadways. We have always advocated to the City of Calgary Truck Route Committee to keep as many truck routes as possible to diffuse the truck traffic so that heavy traffic flow is minimized. Earlier this year 85 Street NW had already come under fire from residents of the Royal Oak communities. It was agreed with the City that the aggregate producers would limit use of 85 street by sending their trucks east on 144 Ave whenever possible. In order for this to happen the remaining truck routes of Shaganappi, Sarcee, and Symons Valley were required to be unrestricted.



Both Sarcee Trail & Symons Valley Rd cannot be considered primary truck routes on their own. Sarcee Trail is a smaller 2 lane roadway. It also contains the large commercial development, Beacon Hill, which will impact pedestrians and public motorists on a much larger scale than Shaganappi. Symons Valley Rd will soon be cutoff as a truck route for the new Glacier Ridge development. According to the Area Structure Plan, the designated truck route heading to this north development is to be Shaganappi Trail.

Every summer the City of Calgary plans their road construction and maintenance program to sustain quality roads within the City of Calgary. The extreme variation in weather in Calgary creates a very narrow window to complete this construction work. Compressing the work week into 5 days by restricting this key haul route on weekends will not allow enough time with an already overloaded schedule. This will impact all the citizens of Calgary who depend upon the construction industry to complete all the required projects in the City during the short construction season.

In the motion it has been mentioned the Shaganappi restriction will preserve public safety and quality of life. Before this motion is considered there should be a study completed to see if public safety is an issue as we are not aware of any public safety issues on Shaganappi Trail NW. Lafarge commands high safety standards from our subcontract haulers. We require them to be COR certified, and to have a current safety inspection on all units. We put all drivers through our rigorous Lafarge 3 hour safety course. We constantly monitor speed, and mechanical condition of trucks. At no time do we allow the use of engine retarder brakes. We are in continual contact with transportation authorities to help us ensure a safe and law abiding fleet.

We request a meeting with Councillor Magliocca to discuss the reasons why he is proposing to restrict truck traffic on Shaganappi Trail NW. We have not been given the opportunity to work together with Councillor Magliocca and with the public to address their concerns.

Best regards,

LAFARGE CANADA INC.,

James Wilson General Manager, Aggregates, Asphalt, Recycling Greater Calgary Area

cc. Eldon Martin, Commercial Manager
Jeff Clarke, Territory Sales Manager
Shawn Thurber, Land & Resource Manager



August 29, 2016

To: Truck Route Committee

Re: Restricted Times for Shaganappi Trail Truck Route – Notice of Motion

To whom it may concern

In response to the notification from the Truck Route Committee regarding the Notice of Motion of restricting hours of operation on Shaganappi Trail. Standard General is opposed to this motion. We feel that removing a designated truck route (Shaganappi Trail) will only put more pressure on alternative truck routes in the NW quadrate of the City. Resulting in other neighbor hoods being affected and the chance of restricting more truck routes due to that additional burden.

Please contact me if you have any comments or questions

Regards

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Standard General Inc. Manager of Asphalt Plants, Aggregate Operations

Cc: Terry Gale, President, Standard General.



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August 30, 2016

Anthony El-araj, P.Eng. Traffic Leader Roadway Operations & Detours Roads, Traffic Engineering

Dear Sir:

## Re: Restricted Times for Shaganappi Trail Truck Routes - Notice of Motion

We are writing to you in response to the letter dated August 15, 2016 notifying members of the Truck Route Committee about a Council Notice of Motion which proposes to restrict trucks on Shaganappi Trail from Stoney Trail to 144 Ave NW on weekends. The proposed change would restrict trucks from 6pm Friday to 6am Monday to local traffic only.

BURNCO is very concerned about this proposed closure. The Spy Hill area is a significant source of construction aggregates, concrete, and asphalt for use across the City of Calgary. All major operators are present in this area, and based on CAPL reporting, it seems likely that 3-4Million tonnes of sand and gravel are shipped form this area annually. At 20 tonnes per truck load, this would mean 150k – 200k individual truck trips leaving this area per year. From a BURNCO prospective, there are currently only 3 truck routes exiting from our Burma Gravel Pit: Country Hills, Shaganappi, and Symons Valley. Removal of Shaganappi will reduce our available routes to two, and will only serve to place more volume on these remaining routes. All of these routes impact residential and business areas. By limiting the truck route in one area, this will only serve to increase the impacts in the others.

BURNCO is of the believe that the safest, least impactful, most efficient, and fairest method for handling truck traffic in this area is to maximize the number of routes available to truckers and disperse truck traffic as much as possible.

We would thank you for the opportunity to provide input on this important subject. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Travis Coates, Southern Alberta Property Manager at 403-640-9217.

Sincerely,

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