

Councillors turn down Gilmore Crossing

Almost 300 residents from Gilmore Avenue and the surrounding area turned out for a public hearing on April 28 to register opposition against a proposed crossing

of the CPR right-of-way to connect Gilmore Avenue with Sun Valley Drive.

Mr. Ken Galanchuk, solicitor for Regatta Developments Ltd., presented a petition signed by over 500 residents asking that the city proceed with the crossing. Regatta Holdings is the owner of the shopping plaza at the corner of Gateway Avenue and Sun Valley Drive. Mr. Galanchuk told the councillors that when the shopping plaza was being planned, the owners were told by the city's administration that the entire traffic circulation pattern of the All Seasons Estates was designed on the basis that Sun Valley Drive was to connect with Gilmore Avenue. He went on to say that with a crossing, the Gilmore bus service could be expected to service All Seasons Estates.

Mrs. Pat Steip, of 630 Gilmore Avenue, submitted a petition in opposition signed by almost 450

residents. Of those in opposition, over 175 were residents of Gilmore Avenue. Mrs. Steip told the councillors "the traffic on Gilmore is already far too heavy. If you open Gilmore across the tracks, you will further increase traffic on our street and create an unsafe condition for our children." A number of other speakers voiced the same concerns. Trustee Don Mitchelson of the River East School Division said "If you spend \$369,000 to install that crossing you are not spending my tax dollars very wisely."

Councillor Harold Piercy in moving a motion to refuse the application said "I have been strongly opposed to this crossing from day one. The developer knew when he was building his shopping centre that no crossing existed. Now he wants the City of Winnipeg to pay \$369,000 to put in a crossing for the benefit of his development." Piercy went on to say "I have actively supported the residents of Gilmore Avenue on this matter and I will continue to support them. Gilmore Avenue already carries too much traffic and to open the crossing would aggravate the problem further."

Councillor Anne Jorowski told the delegation that she supported Councillor Piercy's motion because she believed the residents had a genuine concern about safety on their streets. Councillor Piercy's motion to deny the crossing was approved by the Community Committee Councillors.



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Hospital Day at Concordia

Concordia Hospital, in accordance with "Canada Hospital Day", May 12, invites the community to come visit your hospital.

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