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Hello,

I don't think I will be able to attend the board meeting on June 27 regarding Temporary Use Permit No. PL2023-023, however, I live on Melrose Road and have concerns about the permit being approved.

I'm concerned about an increase in traffic of ATVs and other off-road vehicles on Melrose, we already have a lot of vehicle traffic on our street and unfortunately, vehicle users often drive too fast, and off-road vehicles are excessively loud and many pollute at a higher rate than regular gasoline vehicles due to their two-cycle engines. Off-road vehicles also increase runoff due to the way they compact and erode soil. The speed limit on our road is 50km/h, however, vehicles often travel at higher speeds. We have children and animals living on this street, who walk/play/ride their bicycles on this road. I want to preserve a quiet and peaceful rural lifestyle and an increase in off-road traffic disrupts this. We never see any speed enforcement on this road but have seen ATVs and off-road vehicles operated on public roads by underage drivers.

My biggest concern, however, is our ongoing drought. These vehicles pose a risk to our forests and communities in that the heat from their exhaust systems can ignite wildfires. Our community is familiar with the threat of a wildfire within kms of our homes, as we are currently dealing with the Cameron Lake wildfire.

To summarize, my concerns are fire risk, increase in traffic and the associated noise and environmental pollution, travel at excessive speeds, and threat to children and animal safety.

Will my comments be read publicly at the board meeting and will my name be public or can I choose to comment anonymously?

Thank you

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