July 5, 1992

6218 Allan Street Halifax, Nova Scotia B3L 1G6

Her Worship Mayor Moira Ducharme and Members of City Council

Re: Abnormal and excessive traffic - Monestary Lane and Allan Street

The residents of Monestary Lane and Allan Street have been experiencing an increasing and excessive assault on their Quality of Life in recent years mainly due to the above.

Deterioration is especially pronounced since the "No Left Turn" in and the "No Right Turn" out of Quinpool Centre onto Monestary Lane and the attendant barriers were removed several years ago. the removal of these signs and the attendant barriers is somewhat of a mystery as apparently no official action by City Council was enacted approving the removal of same. They had been in place since the original opening of Quinpool Centre.

When Quinpool Centre was opened action was taken by City Council to protect the quality of life in the immediate area. Vernon Street residents were protected by no entrance to Quinpool Centre from Vernon Street. Traffic on Vernon is forced to turn either right or left onto Quinpool Road. The same applies to traffic exiting Quinpool Centre. Traffic cannot proceed down Vernon but must turn either right or left onto Quinpool Road. This agreement or contract with the citizens is still in place and protected by the City.

The citizens of Yukon Street and Yale Street are likewise protected by barriers erected on Monestary Lane. These agreements or contracts with the residents made after many meetings at St. Patrick's High School are still in place and obviously protected by City Council because money was spent last year to renew both barriers at considerable cost.

Only on Monestary Lane and therefore on Allan Street have we seen an abrogation of the commitment by City Council to protect the quality of life on the streets surrounding Quinpool Centre.

The restriction to be placed on through traffic on Monestary Lane was one of many solutions to the problems created by the removal of the "No Left Turn" in and "No Right Turn" out of Quinpool Centre as mentioned above.

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On Thursday July 15th. this problem comes again before City Council on a motion of re-consideration. I would ask you to affirm Council's decision of June 25th. to restrict traffic along Monestary Lane to Allan Street. A negative decision in this matter will continue an intolerable situation.

Should Council decide to rescind their very sensible decision of June 25th, Then I would request that the "No Left Turn' in and No Right Turn" out of Quinpool Centre and the attendant barriers be re-erected as originally placed by City Council as a minimum requirement along this street.

There is evidently no official decision on record to treat this area differently than Vernon Street, Yale Street, or Yukon Street. No logical reason exists to continue to protect these areas and to abrogate the agreements and contracts with the residents and citizens of Monestary Lane and Allan Street, which are and have been part of public record since the time Quinpool Centre was completed and which were made at the same time.

I trust you will consider well this problem which is of vital concern to the Citizens of this area.

Yours truly,

C. Burton Coutts for Citizens Committee

Allan Street Residents

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