

Petitioner information on behalf of all other petitioners who are resident of Irvine Scott Street close to Harmony Creek.

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Contact Number and Email: **M.F.I.P.A. Sec.14(1)**

## **Mayor, Staff and Councillors**

### **City of Oshawa**

May 15, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

With reference to the Pedestrian Bridge on Harmony Creek at Irvine Scott Street, please find below the petition on behalf of all residents of Irvine Scott Street.

1. Did City of Oshawa get written consent from all residents of Irvine Scott Street to make this bridge which is causing many problems to the residents including privacy breaches?
2. If there were some notices circulated for any public meeting during the peak of COVID then how we could attend any of those meetings when we were in lock-down and at the peak of COVID wave in 2020 and 2021.
3. When we bought these houses, there was a possibility to make only a pathway trail behind our houses and these lots should be considered only ravine lots. Now by making this bridge behind our backyards these lots have been turned into public lots and now our backyards are visible to everyone who is using this bridge.
4. There will be youth misusing the bridge as a place for using drugs and smokes and making noises or fighting. This will be an unsafe situation for us, and we cannot tell them to leave.
5. Strangers will be sitting on the bridge for chit chat or making picnic spot and spending hours and hours for no reason, our privacy will be compromised. We reserve our rights to secure our privacy and peace in the neighbourhood.
6. We prefer to have a nice neighbor in our backyard but not having all of public who has access 24 hours around our backyards.
7. If people are walking, running, making noises, and staying there for late night, how can we sleep and go to work in the morning?
8. We are very afraid of criminal activities happening day and night at or under the bridge, how can we spend time with our families in peace.

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9. People will say it is not your property and this is none of your business if we speak to them. We do not want to end up having fights with them.
10. We paid extra premium up to \$100, 000 to Tribute at the time of our purchase for these so-called ravine lots and now we all have been paying extra property taxes each year.
11. By having this bridge at our backyards, our house value has been already depreciated \$300,000 to \$400,000 as we have been told by an appraiser due to loss of our privacy.
12. This bridge needs to be removed from its current place as soon as possible and we expect you to seriously investigate the problems you created for community.

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