

Fire Station #2, Chandler and Milloy

Your Worship I am genuinely concerned that the Tender has gone out while still a number of serious issues have to be adequately addresses in terms of safety and quality of life to the residents immediately surrounding this chosen location. I do have a faith with our City Engineer Mario Sonego to work with residents to address their concern.

In December of 2013 this City Council unanimously passed the new organizational plan, building 2 new Fire Stations strategically located to improve service, decrease response time to emergency calls and basically cover almost 50,000 more residents that were not within what we call 10-10 safety zone for response times.

One of the new Fire Stations is slated to be built on Long Park in my Ward 5. The residents in close proximity to the proposed Fire Hall did not know that it was going to be built across the street from their homes until about 2 weeks ago.

Since then we had an information meeting at the Most Precious Blood Church with more than 50 residents attended. City Engineer Mario Sonego and his staff along with the Fire Chief Bruce Montone and his 2 deputies were on hand addressing the resident's concerns.

Some of their concerns were;

- This Fire Hall does not fit in this residential neighbourhood on Chandler Rd where St. Bernard School will be built. The residents fears for the safety of school kids walking to school while the Fire trucks are returning to the station via Chandler Rd. Tim Horton, St Bernard School and the Fire Station in this short block is dangerous not just for the residents but also for the children and seniors going and returning from the Ford Test Track.
- Some residents feel that their property value will go down and the Fire Truck Siren will disturb their quality of life especially at night. Mario Sonego and Bruce Montone addressed these questions at the meeting.
- The biggest concern for those who live across the street from the proposed Fire Station is the loss of parking in front of their homes on Chandler Rd.
- Another concern was brought up on the weekend by couple residents afraid that Meldrum would become no parking zone paving the way for the Fire Truck to use Meldrum to Tecumseh.

Your Worship I ask our Administration to work collaboratively with the residents as we move forward on this unique project.



Ed Sleiman