



COLLINGWOOD SCHOOL

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OFFICE OF THE HEADMASTER

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Dear Marr Creek Court Resident:

RE: SCHOOL EXPANSION PROJECT – IMPACT UPON MARR CREEK COURT RESIDENTS

Collingwood School has been made aware of dust and noise problems experienced by some of our Marr Creek Court neighbours in connection with the relocation of soils excavated from our site to accommodate the expansion of the School's Wentworth campus. We understand that some of our neighbours were not able to enjoy full use of their decks and patios on a number of days in late July and through August. Although we have spoken directly with some of you, we would like to take this opportunity to again expressly apologize for any inconvenience that these construction activities may have caused you.

Using the north-east corner of the School's property to place the fill from the building excavation area had a significant benefit on the overall neighbourhood because it eliminated most heavy truck traffic which would otherwise have used local roads in hauling excavation materials off-site. That being said, we acknowledge that Collingwood could have done a better job of informing the Marr Creek Court residents of the excavation relocation operation in advance. At our neighbourhood meeting in June, we mentioned that retaining the fill on our own property was an option, though details as to locations and timing were not then available to enable us to advise our neighbours.

Collingwood School asked its contractors to initiate a dust control program to manage impacts on Marr Creek Court residents affected by the relocation work. While I understand that the fill area was watered down on a daily basis while relocation and dumping activities were being conducted, the effort may have been less effective because of the remarkably hot and dry summer weather we had this year.

The contractor has informed me that the final grading of the fill area will be completed this week and the area will then be hydro-seeded. The hydro-seeding will take approximately four weeks to grow in and the area should look better within a few months. Our plan is to leave the area to "green up" naturally. Should you have any suggestions for revegetation, please let me know.

We are holding a Neighbourhood Information Meeting **at 7:30 PM on 21 September 2009 in the School's Wentworth Library** to offer an update on the project.

I hope that you will join us.

Rodger Wright
Headmaster

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