

Rosa pushing for improvements to 'gateway to Caledon'

Over 2,000 Caledon residents have signed a petition in support of improvements

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Bolton residents would like to see improvements made at and around the intersection of Highway 50 and Mayfield Road.

Ward 5 Councillor Tony Rosa will soon be delegating at a City of Vaughan Council meeting with a goal of bringing Caledon and Vaughan together to address issues around the busy intersection that he calls a 'gateway to Caledon'.

Rosa will bring with him a petition with over 2,000 signatures of support for the cause.

'The current condition requires some TLC as far as I'm concerned' those stacked containers that are right at our doorstep? I'm worried about the appearance, but more importantly safety as well,' said Rosa.

He's referring to shipping containers in a yard that's within Vaughan's municipal boundaries but is visible from Caledon.

Rosa also wants to see Caledon and Vaughan work together on beautifying the Highway 50 corridor. He used the example of the Gardiner Expressway, where there are landscaped berms with sponsors, as something the municipalities could emulate.

'I'm hoping we can do that same thing' maybe we can get some local businesses advertising,' said Rosa.

He wants to make the drive into Caledon on Highway 50 less of an eyesore so that it becomes something Caledon residents can be proud of. Rosa will also be going to the City of Brampton seeking collaboration as it too shares municipal boundaries with Caledon in the area.

'It's the gateway to my community? I'm going to ask (Vaughan and Brampton) to be partners in finding solutions, I'm going to bring examples of what could make it better,' said Rosa. 'It's igniting the conversation.'

Rosa said constituents in his ward have long expressed concern about the Mayfield Road and Highway 50 area and that he promised in his election campaign he would address it.

He said the community really came together on this issue and that the petition will greatly increase the impact of his delegations at other municipalities' Council meetings.

'Over 2,000 people took the time to come out and put their name on this petition because they're equally concerned,' said Rosa. 'They deserve that this doesn't get put under the carpet.'

Beyond beautification, Rosa and his constituents are also concerned about the flow of traffic on Highway 50.

'We've been calling upon the Province to come to the table,' said Rosa. 'We have continued to advocate for a better solution at Highway 50 and Major Mackenzie.'