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I am writing this letter in regards to the proposal by the civic administration to build an overpass at 11th St and Dundonald Ave. This project would be the worst possible option for Montgomery Place. The noise would have a severe, detrimental effect on a large area of our neighbourhood.

I was the president of the Montgomery Place Community Association from 1998 until 2012. During that time the MPCA was very involved in the completion of Circle Drive. We went to every meeting with Stantec and with the administration, we sent letters to council, made presentations to council, and it was our questioning the of the long-term viability of an old, obsolete building that precipitated Maple Leaf Foods to announce a move to a new plant in the north industrial area, which never happened.

During our many hours spent on this project, the number one complaint from residents who had already been impacted by Circle Drive was the noise. The constant road noise caused many people to be unable to use their backyards. The Circle Drive Issues Group was a group of residents from Greystone Heights who pushed hard for sound attenuation. "If you go up, the sound goes out".

Many comments have been made that the rail crossing and intersection at 11th St and Dundonald Ave is not safe. The intersection and crossing are safe. The safety issue arises when the north/south CN line is in use, and a CP train blocks Fairlight Drive. This must not be allowed. This action puts our community at risk as Fairlight Drive is the quickest way for emergency vehicles to reach our neighbourhood. Building an overpass at 11th St and Dundonald Ave will not stop the CP train from blocking Fairlight Drive. An overpass will only exacerbate the noise problems our neighbourhood already faces, i.e. large truck noise, grain elevator noise, CN yard noise, and noise from the snow dump.

I ask that the city administration and council impress upon CP officials that this situation whereby CP trains block Fairlight Drive, is potentially very dangerous, and puts Montgomery Place residents at serious risk of injury or property loss.