

November 10, 2004

Mr. Robert Zanetti
Toronto Redi-Mix Limited
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Dear Mr. Zanetti,

I am a next-door-neighbour to the recently purchased property owned by Toronto Redi-Mix Limited. I live on the east side of Sixteenth Street in Etobicoke. My backyard shares a property line with the west side of the Toronto Redi-Mix site located at 207 New Toronto Street.

On Monday, November 8, two workmen were using a back-hoe to dig a hole about three or four feet from my backyard. The hole measures approximately 22 by 28 feet and is 3 feet deep. I asked one of the gentlemen what they were doing and he replied, "Nothing". When I requested more detail, he suggested I contact the owner, Toronto Redi-Mix.

I have a large, healthy, fifty year old tree in my backyard growing right against the fence that separates our properties. Monday morning, as a result of the back-hoe digging, part of the root system was unearthed, damaged and broken, including some large roots. It is my experience that the common practice between neighbours (both residential and industrial) is to take the time and have the courtesy to discuss anything they intend to do on their property that may affect their neighbour's property. This is done before beginning the work, especially if it could result in damage. Perhaps you can help me understand why someone from Toronto Redi-Mix did not make the effort to talk to me about digging close to my backyard before the tree roots were dug up and broken.

Your New Toronto location is my largest next-door neighbour. Recently, on a daily basis, from dawn until dusk there has been a significant amount of activity involving heavy equipment moving earth and digging.

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I would appreciate if you could outline the purpose Toronto Redi-Mix intends to use the 15 acre site for, and what the planned use will entail. Would you be able provide a timeline of your plans for this location?

Have you submitted a plan or proposal to the City of Toronto?
If not, would you be able to give me some idea when you intend to submit a plan?

I would greatly appreciate any information you can provide.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

J. Cain