

On Aug 20, 2016, at 7:57 PM, Paul Holden <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Ms. Kang,

I am writing to you in your capacity as Vice-Chair of the Traffic Safety Committee and as a member of Council. I am writing to ask for your help with a simple but serious problem on Beresford Ave.

I live south of Metrotown and every morning I walk to Metrotown Station to catch the bus to work. The intersection of Beresford & Cassie has become quite dangerous for pedestrians and motorists alike. First, the fence around the construction site on the south-west corner blocks the view for all approaching the corner. Second, on every working day construction workers personal vehicles are parked on the gravel sidewalk on the north side of Beresford, meaning that there is no safe place for pedestrians to cross to, to get out of traffic. The combination of fencing and parking habits also means that there are no sidewalks available to pedestrians at all on that section of Beresford. Finally, as you as probably aware, traffic drives at Willingdon Ave speeds on Beresford, even though the street is clearly not meant for this.

As you know, there is now a second construction site on Beresford between Cassie & McKay. I am concerned that a similar problem will emerge with this new construction site. I writing to encourage you and Council to do two things. First, enforce the parking regulations in the area, so that cars cannot block safe pedestrian passage on sidewalks. Second, ensure that the new construction site will be surrounded by safe crosswalks on all sides.

I live in this neighbourhood, which has been designated as Burnaby's downtown and is intended to be a walkable community. I and many others are living the way this neighbourhood is intended to be, walking and using transit, even before the area's transformation is complete. Council should support the current & future residents of this community by enforcing the bylaws and ensuring pedestrian safety.

Sincerely,

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