

SECTION 2
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Mayor and Council
c/o Office of the City Clerk
4949 Canada Way
Burnaby, BC V5G 1M2

Good evening, Mayor Corrigan and Council, I'm writing to request a reassessment of the intersection at Still Creek Drive and Still Creek Avenue.

Currently, Still Creek Drive is a single lane road; however, each lane is roughly 23 feet wide, which has led to daily misunderstandings from commuters about it being a single lane road. Approaching the intersection at Still Creek Ave, cars travelling northeast through the intersection will line up single file closer to the center line. This gives cars turning right onto the Still Creek Avenue the opportunity to make their turns unabated and relieve traffic pressure back down the line. Unfortunately, many people also use this liberally spaced portion of road to jump the line and travel through the intersection beside other cars, cutting them off with a quick merge after the intersection.

I commute down this section of road and I see this behaviour at least three out of five weekdays. The chance of seeing it happen greatly increases if there is any congestion at all. It appears that some people are completely unaware, and others deliberately use this space because they know they can. Because of this behaviour I have seen numerous instances of road-rage, coming from drivers who are following the rules, and more than one occasion of a near three car collision, when a driver, speeding and illegally sharing the intersection space, came very close to hitting both the car beside it and a car merging on to Still Creek Drive northeast, from Still Creek Avenue.

I don't like to present a problem without also presenting a solution. I believe two things are needed: signage that indicates the road being a single lane, as well as a 8 foot long concrete barrier, with reflective signage, located on the northeast side of the intersection, abutted against the pedestrian walk way, running perpendicular to the roadway. This addition would still leave a 15 foot wide space for traffic to flow through, and would make for an obvious deterrence against illegal behaviour.

Of course, I'm not qualified to make decisions about the roadways, but I know that this council is and I hope it makes a positive one. Thanks for your time.

Sincerely,



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