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To: Mayor and Council, City of Burnaby

Dear Mr. Mayor and Council Members,

I'm writing in regards to the issue of motor vehicle accidents and near misses on the intersection of Willingdon Avenue and Beresford Street, Burnaby.

I have lived on the 5th floor of a high rise building situated on this corner (4350 Beresford Street) since June 2009. The location and orientation of my apartment allow me to see and hear what goes on at this street intersection.

In the last few years there has been an ever so increasing number of car horns, tire screeching incidents, and car crashes. I'm confident that your inquiry to the Public Safety Committee and/or local RCMP detachment would yield statistical data confirming my claim.

As you know, this area has been undergoing a lot of changes and development due to the City's Metrotown Downtown Plan. The construction of several high rise towers along Beresford Street (Modello, Gold House, Metroplace, and Silver, just to name a few) has led to a surge of people moving into the neighbourhood. The issue is further exasperated by the volume of trades, suppliers and workers trying to access this area to complete the development of existing, as well as additional proposed, high rise towers. This has resulted in a large spike in traffic, both vehicular and pedestrian, in this area over the last few years and the situation has now reach a tipping point. The infrastructure in place does not seem capable of handling the volume of activity. The influx of population and general traffic volumes in this area have not been matched by infrastructural developments.

Just today, February 21, 2017, at approximately 12 noon there was a major vehicular collision on this intersection.

On February 11, 2017 at approximately 5pm there was a serious collision on this corner involving two vehicles and a pedestrian. One of the vehicles (white) crashed into a street light, completely knocking it over, the other vehicle (silver) crashed into a tree located at the edge of our property and the pedestrian suffered a head injury.

Several months ago a person in a powered wheelchair was struck by a vehicle on this intersection.

Again, I'm confident that your inquiry to the Public Safety Committee and/or local RCMP would substantiate my claims.

I hear an average of 10, loud, prolonged, car horns every single day indicating near misses.

It has gotten to the point where there seems to be a car collision or a traffic accident of some type on this intersection of Willingdon Avenue and Beresford Street about every 10 days.

I would like to know what you, Mr. Mayor and Council Members, intend to do to address this very serious issue and what the solution implementation timeline is.

Sincerely,

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