

DATE: February 27, 2017
TO: Mayor and Council
c/o Office of the City Clerk
4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC V5G 1M2

COPY TO : Public Safety Committee
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Subject: Road Safety on Sprott Street, Douglas Road, towards Canada Way

My name is Cecilia Costorio, I am a mother of 3 school aged children and I am a resident of 6071 Sprott Street Burnaby since 2006. In our 10 years living in this residence, we have had 4 cases(with ICBC claims) for our own car hit by another vehicle while our car was parked in front of our house – all 4 vehicles were written off due to extensive damage. Plus - another 3 cases/ (with ICBC claims) for car break in and theft. These cases and ICBC claims are only pertaining to my family . My neighbours have also similar cases. The latest incident happened yesterday afternoon, at around 2:30pm Feb 26, 2017 – it's a clear sunny bit cloudy day, when another car hit our car while parked at home. My children could have been playing outside at this time.

All these cases have caused damages to our vehicles parked in front of my house where I have a fenced front yard where my 3 school aged children play on a daily basis.

My fear of an escalation from a damage car to a dead child urged me to send this message .

This is an urgent appeal to the Mayor and council of City of Burnaby regarding the speed, volume of traffic and possibility of traffic calming measures on Sprott Street, Douglas Road and Canada Way.

Along Sprott Street , Douglas Road and Canada Way are 2 Churches and a Childrens play area, a series of family/duplex residences, a primary school (Douglas Road Elementary), and another multi-family complex where children and young families walk to and from school or walk to and from 8 rinks and other sports facilities in our area. The following issues are ongoing along Sprott Street, Douglas Road and Canada Way:

- 1) Speeding cars coming from Kensington or turning left from Norland and picking speed after the traffic light
- 2) Speeding cars from Hwy 1 turning right on Sprott Street - drivers turning right cannot see pedestrians and they do not slow down either to see if there are pedestrian
- 3) Several near misses at cross walk Sprott Street and Hwy 1 exit – drivers do not slow down or do not stop **before the crosswalk** and look out for the pedestrians

- 4) Cars from Hwy 1 exiting to Sprott Street do not see pedestrian on the small crosswalk due to the blind turn or overgrown shrubs
- 5) Several near misses for children and families at intersection of Douglas Road and Sprott Street.
- 6) Road hazards - Bright glare of the sun and Bright Traffic Light making it hard for drivers to see the road clearly – Cars coming from Hwy 1 exit , and Cars from intersection of Norland and Sprott towards Canada Way have trouble seeing the road clearly because of the glare of the bright sun or traffic light.
- 7) There are no or minimum road signs warning the drivers along Sprott Street and Canada Way that this is an accident prone area, and/or there are children crossing.
- 8) Speeding cars at night time or early morning along Sprott street towards Canada Way – speed was so high the alarms of parked cars would go off almost every night.

Speed is a multi-tiered threat to the residents, school children, and families living along Sprott Street , Douglas Road and Canada Way.

Traffic calming measures here would benefit the numerous young families who made Burnaby their home.

I asked for an urgent sustainable road safety plan for our street and our community along Sprott Street, Douglas Road towards Canada Way such as

- 1) increased road warning signs
- 2) road markings
- 3) traffic calming measures
- 4) enforcement
- 5) roadway design
- 6) publicity
- 7) photo radar enforcement (on intersection)

I invite all and any of you check these 2 intersections on any day to get a first hand information of what I have outlined in this letter. The worst and maybe the best times for you to check for yourselves would be around 730am to 9am, 230pm to 5pm. I appreciate your time and attention to this matter. If you need further information and or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I request that this correspondence be included on the Agenda for the Council Meeting.

Sincerely,



Cecilia Costorio

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