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SECTION 2 COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE (2017.04.06)
Public Safety Committee (2017.04.11)
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Dear Mayor and Council,


I always thought that the City of Burnaby's major focus would be to improve the citizens safety and well being through inventive and sustainable design of neighbourhoods and infrastructure. Recently a private contractor removed the Sidewalk Bulges from the corner of Yukon Crescent and Dawson Street in Burnaby. I was informed it was to make way for the Concord Development that will be started on the light industrial land that is to the North, East and South of us. I think I speak for most people in our building when I say we are in favour of this development and the benefits it will bring when finally completed. After attending a city council meeting last year in regards to the future development we were told that the priority was to create a pedestrian friendly neighbourhood.

Sidewalk bulges by my understanding:

Increase pedestrian visibility and safety
Reduces crossing distance for children and elderly
Encourages traffic calming
Increases green areas on the corners
Keeps sidewalks clear of persons parking in front of sidewalks in an area already starved for residential street parking.

What this removal tells me, is that the safety of all the dog walkers who are out in the early morning and evening are not a priority. All the parents who walk their children to the day care and school are not a priority. All the elderly residents who go out for walks during the day to get their exercise are not a priority. All the other residents who walk to get groceries, to work or visit a friend in another building are not a priority. I hope you will look into this issue about traffic calming measures you plan to take with the addition of thousands more residents moving into the area in the next 10 years or less.

I look forward to hearing back from you.

Regards,

Paul Britton

Note: Engineering staff responded to Mr. Britton informing the writer that the bulges were removed due to anticipated increase in traffic from large construction equipment and trucks as a result the large scale development in the area. The bulges restricted the turning movements of larger vehicles which is not conducive to a safe environment.

Engineering Department will work with the developer and contractors to minimize inconveniences to nearby properties.