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Subject: Springer Ave - Traffic in relation to Beecher Park and Beecher Creek Trail

Good Afternoon Councillor Calendino.

I am a resident of Burnaby living for over 40 years on Springer Ave South. Firstly this concerns the traffic volumes and more importantly the speed at which the traffic is travelling. This is not intended to impact traffic movement in our area it is to ensure the safety of our residents especially the children in the area who utilize Beecher Park and Beecher Creek Trail.

Pietro as I mention our issue is not the volume of traffic it is the vehicles not obeying the speed limit period. As you are aware Beecher Park is in a slight hollow and has a posted speed limit of 30 KM however on any given day majority of the vehicles do not adhere to the signage and speed limit. Here is an example of which took place this past week-end. As you know we had significant amount of snow which brought large groups of families to Beecher Park to enjoy the snow. On Saturday there were I would estimate 50 people at the park sledding. I was doing my daily walk around the neighbour with the road conditions and the large group of children at the park – vehicles were still travelling well above the posted speed limit. I have had the opportunity on my walks to also witness when a respectable driver obey's the speed limit other cars proceed to pass even though the road markings are solid lines which prohibit passing.

Also we are getting a lot more heavy vehicle traffic on Springer which is evident from the road deteriorating.

I have called the City Departments previously concerning this matter (Parks Dept, Traffic Dept, Staff Information Officer) explained the concern. Also I am aware of some of my neighbours who have also called. One neighbour wanted to see if speed bumpers could be installed on the South side as they are on the North side of Springer. He was told that definitely no as the road in and around Beecher Park is not conducive to speed bumps. However, I am wondering can we get the following to try and control the speed through this area.

Better signage indicating a Park and Children Playing (I notice the signage at Kitchener School is updated bright yellow and larger.)

Could we not have some signage posted advising the speed limit on Springer Ave.

Could we not have a Cross Walk painted indicating pedestrians coming off the Beecher Creek Trail to access the Park.

I also notice that on at the park on believe it is Holdem they have a pedestrian activated signal.

In any case I am just concerned that with the increase in the traffic we are getting – again I reiterate is not a issue – it is the control of same.

We are very fortunate here in Burnaby to have the numerous facilities (Parks, Walkway's, Cycling Routes etc) which are appreciated and create a healthy neighbourhood.

I would really appreciate if you have an opportunity and would like to meet with me at Beecher Park we could discuss this further.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email and look forward to perhaps a further discussion at your convenience on this matter.

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