

Public Safety Committee  
C/O Office of the City Clerk

4949 Canada Way

Burnaby, BC

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Residents deserve and have a reasonable right to a livable neighbourhood that is free from excessive noise, emissions pollution and acceptable safe road conditions. Burnaby has promised us that this is their goal – keeping neighbourhoods as livable, sustainable communities by preventing commuter traffic from rat running through local and local collector streets.

Duthie St. between Hastings and Inlet Drive/Barnet Highway is a local collector which function is to provide access to and from a residential area. In fact, according to the municipal planning department, it is designated as only slightly above a local road. However, we are witnessing hundreds of commuter vehicles traveling through our area continuously, at all times of the day, including weekends, creating high levels of pollution from vehicle emissions, intolerable levels of noise as well as creating a public safety hazard with speeding vehicles. Traffic speeding through our neighbourhood is creating safety concerns for pedestrians, children, pets and cyclists as well as making it significantly more difficult for residents on side streets to safely access Duthie St.

Over the past few years, there has been a considerable increase in the number of residents in this area putting additional strain on Duthie St. collector route. Residents are already restricted in their access to road use due to the topography of the area. Duthie is the only street where residents of the area can travel south, which is the direction most residents use. In addition, because the land rises to the east due to Burnaby Mountain, vehicular noise and speed is amplified. There is a substantial increase in road grade, due to Duthie being on the west side of Burnaby Mountain, which traverses from the north end near the roundabout traveling south wards which also amplifies vehicular noise.

There are other streets in the vicinity to Duthie with a much higher vehicular road designation than ours, i.e. Hastings St, Sperling St. which motorists can use to access Barnet Hwy. In fact, commercial vehicles have been observed on Duthie St., which is not designated as a truck route.

We have to question why Burnaby allows an access from a major highway to a local collector road. This does not support its transportation plan goals and is putting our quiet neighbourhood in peril.

Although one of the suggested solutions in our petition\* was to restrict right hand turns from Ridge to Inlet Dr./Barnet Hwy. during peak periods, this is no longer a feasible solution because Burnaby has stated that they do not have the resources to monitor this. Traffic is already ignoring time restrictions on making left hand turns from Inlet/Barnet onto Ridge. It can be assumed they would most likely just ignore right hand turn restrictions as well

Therefore, we are requesting the City of Burnaby restrict access to commuter vehicles on this road by:

- 1) Closing the access at Ridge Drive to Inlet Drive/Barnet Hwy OR
- 2) Another acceptable means of control

Regards,



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*\*Petition containing 36 signatures  
available at the City Clerk's office*