

November 7, 2018

Note: Email addressed to Council

Dear Mayor Hurley,

Congratulations on winning the election for Burnaby mayor. I have been a homeowner in Willingdon Heights for 26 years. For most of this time, I have had concerns for the area's safety. There has been a lot of change since we first moved here and I expect there to be more. However, with change, *safety should never be compromised*.

Previous to this letter, I have raised my concerns with the **Burnaby Engineering Department; Burnaby Parking Department and the RCMP Community Police office**, who contacted the **Burnaby traffic department** with no visible evidence of any action.

I'm writing to you because I'm *very concerned* about the safety of our neighbourhood. Since the spring of this year, the area around Willingdon Community Center and Willingdon Park has been under construction. We have been without sidewalks for six months. The end of our lane and all sidewalks in the area have yet to be paved or completed since the work began in May. The city has told us that the company they hired is not working to their expectations and that they will no longer contract them for work in the future. This does not help with our situation or concern to keep our neighbourhood safe and functional. New speed bumps have been constructed along Carleton Avenue from Douglas Road to William Street. To me, these speed bumps seem smaller than the existing ones. This will not solve the problem we currently have with vehicles speeding along a street that is adjacent to a park.

Another major concern is the excessive number of non-resident vehicles parked and traveling through our neighbourhood streets. I feel that the City of Burnaby is not listening or taking our concern seriously. Douglas Road at Carleton Avenue is closed and although there is a "road closed – local traffic only" sign, commuters who normally use Douglas Road to access Willingdon Avenue are turning left onto Carleton Avenue to access Graveley Street. This has always been a concern but more so now that Douglas Road is closed.

Having said this, here is a list of issues previously brought to Burnaby's attention without any noticeable action, which compelled me to write this letter:

- 1) Large amount of vehicles traveling and speeding along Graveley Street to access major streets (speed bumps are not enough to slow them down; residents are leaving "slow down" signs in front of their homes).
- 2) Vehicles running the stop sign at Madison Avenue and Graveley Street.
- 3) A large amount of VCH employees (corner of Willingdon Avenue and Halifax Street) and/or visitors are parking on the surrounding streets for longer than the three-hour bylaw (several people will move their vehicles to another spot when the three-hour time is up so as not to get ticketed; they leave behind their litter).

Referred to:

Public Safety Committee (2019)

Copied to:

City Manager, Dir. Corporate Services, Dir. Engineering, Dir. Public Safety, OIC-RCMP

- 4) A large amount of workers hired to work on the Brentwood project also park on the surrounding streets for longer than the three-hour bylaw.
- 5) Local residence having difficulty leaving and entering the neighbourhood due to the amount of vehicles parked on these neighbourhood streets and from vehicles who are traveling along Graveley Street (nowhere to pull over to one side to allow on-coming traffic).
- 6) Residence have difficulties leaving their driveway as they are not easily seen by those traveling east and west on Graveley Street due to the excessive amount of parked vehicles.
- 7) Children who are playing in their front yards are not easily visible due to the abundance of parked vehicles on these streets (residents are leaving "no parking" signs in front of their homes).
- 8) School bus unable to drop off and pickup children safely from the curb as there are no unoccupied spots to do so (bus has to stop in middle of street to allow children to get on and off).
- 9) A small dog was struck and killed by a vehicle speeding along Graveley Street (the area where there are speed bumps). The vehicle did not stop.

Recent:

- 10) Cintas makes a weekly delivery to the workers at Douglas Road and Carelton Avenue and uses our lane to make the delivery. Does not obey the speed limit when traveling in the lane.
- 11) CocaCola delivery truck uses Graveley Street to access Petro Canada station at the corner of Willingdon Avenue and Lougheed. (Does not obey Road Closed Local Traffic Only Signage)

I am appealing for your strong consideration to this letter because Neighbourhood Safety was a high priority in your campaign platform. Thanks in advance for your time and I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,



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