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Sent: January-09-19 1:15 PM
To: Cichon, Lauren
Cc: Tandem Tower 3 President
Subject: 4100 block Dawson Street - Traffic Flow Issues

Dear Members of the Public Safety Committee,

My name is Martin Kendell, and I am the Strata Council President of Tandem Tower 3 at 4182 Dawson Street in Burnaby. This email is in reference to concerns I have regarding the changes in traffic flow patterns at the 4100 block of Dawson Street, as well as at the intersection of Dawson Street and Gilmore Avenue.

Around May 2018, we received a notice from the City of Burnaby in our elevator notifying the residents of this building that there would repainting the road lines at the 4100 and 4200 blocks of Dawson Street. The letter said these changes were related to the Fortis gas line replacement taking place on Lougheed Highway. We understood that some temporary actions would have to be taken to help traffic flow in the community, and were willing to suffer some short term inconvenience for the good of everyone driving in the area.

After the line painting took place, the final product was a mess. Vehicles were driving the wrong way into oncoming traffic, old reflectors left from the previous line configuration were left on the road and traffic signs that were no longer pertinent to the new traffic flow were left up for weeks after the reconfiguration. It's extremely fortunate that no major accidents occurred during this period. Several people living in our building called the RCMP, who advised that they were unable to recommend changes to traffic flow patterns unless a major accident occurred that required their investigation.

As the Fortis gas line replacement was winding up, I called the City of Burnaby's Engineering Department to ask about when the original traffic configuration would be restored. I spoke to your engineer Albert Wong, who was responsible for the reconfiguration of Dawson Street. Mr. Wong stated that the changes were permanent, and that the original traffic patterns would not be restored. This was surprising as it was completely opposite of the tone and language of the initial letter we received, where we were led to believe that these changes were temporary.

As a result of these "permanent changes", we now have complete traffic chaos in our neighbourhood. The following issues have been observed:

- Curb parking has been removed from the north side of Dawson Street, which has lead to a noticeable increase of unauthorized Park and Ride vehicles in the underground parking of our building.
- Dawson Street now has two lanes of traffic travelling eastbound, which has made turning left out of our building driveway to head west on Dawson Street extremely hazardous. Due to impeded sight lines caused by vehicles parked on the south side of

Dawson Street, drivers often have to creep out into the second lane of eastbound traffic to see if it is safe to turn.

- At the intersection of Dawson Street and Gilmore Avenue, the west bound traffic has been reduced to a dedicated left turn lane and a shared straight through/right turn lane. This is leading to extreme backups during the rush hour periods, and people illegally using the dedicated left turn lane to proceed straight through the intersection when the right lane gets blocked due to a vehicle waiting to turn right due to pedestrian traffic related to the Gilmore Skytrain station.

I am concerned that traffic in the community is going to get next to unmanageable with the construction of the Gilmore Place project in the next couple of years. Dawson Street has become a very busy arterial route due to commuters trying to bypass Lougheed Highway during high traffic periods. Several years ago, it took a fatal accident at the intersection of Dawson Street and Madison Avenue before you recommended installing a four way stop light.

I am hoping that your Engineering Department will take the following proactive measures immediately to alleviate some of the concerns I have raised:

- Removal of some of the metered parking on the south side of Dawson Street immediately west of our building's driveway to increase sight lines of drivers turning out of the driveway.
- Reconfiguration of the intersection of Dawson Street and Gilmore Avenue so there is an unencumbered lane of traffic travelling west on Henning Drive.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email, and please advise me of any forthcoming actions you will be taking to alleviate these traffic concerns.

Sincerely,

Martin Kendell
Strata Council President, Tandem Tower 3