

From: Thomas Hasek
Sent: April-25-19 7:45 AM
To: Traffic
Cc: Engineering; Clerks; LASP
Subject: Traffic Calming on Victory Street

Good morning -

The email string below, initiated on December 7, 2018, is self explanatory; however the underlying issue has been outstanding for decades, and for that reason I have changed the subject line. My correspondence with Mr. Jensen has not provided satisfactory results, so I propose to convert this dialog into a formal application to the City of Burnaby and its Public Safety Committee for the installation of traffic calming devices along Victory Street east of Sussex Avenue, including speed humps and traffic circles.

I note that a supervised group of pre-school children now uses the Ledingham Park play area on a daily basis, so that action on traffic calming of the immediate access routes to the park is urgently required as a matter of safety.

Regards

Thomas Hasek

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From: **Thomas Hasek**
Date: Mon, Apr 15, 2019 at 7:37 AM
Subject: Re: Vehicular collision
To: Jensen, Ernie <Ernie.Jensen@burnaby.ca>
Cc: Donna Polos, Elaine Hasek, Carol Newson, Joyce Spencer

Good Morning, Ernie -

It is now almost four months since my previous note to you, and it is high time to re-visit the issues I raised at that time. You mentioned that there was a report being prepared for an upcoming meeting of the Public Safety Committee by the Assistant Director of Engineering. I presume that report will have been completed some time ago: is it available to the public? If so, I should like to access it.

Another vehicle collision at Victory Street and Gray Avenue last Friday is the latest factor in the urgency of action to reduce speeding and rat-running on residential streets.

Regards

Thomas

On Wed, Dec 19, 2018 at 8:00 PM Thomas Hasek wrote:
Hi Ernie -

Thanks for the encouraging response. We certainly have further comments to provide for the Public Safety Committee, and I shall copy a few people who might want to provide their own input.

Having just walked along Victory during rush hour, I can advise that I would like to see a variety of traffic calming (and rat running discouragement) measures. Specifically, I would like to see traffic circles installed along Victory at Jubilee and Waverley, as well as all the other intersections that do not yet have them (the only existing one being at McKay). Being a cyclist, I would also like to see speed humps installed along Victory, Much like they are on 45th Avenue bike route in Vancouver, with a couple along each block between traffic circles to discourage speeding and rat running. [Lowering the speed limit along this residential street to 30 k.p.h. like much of North Burnaby](#) would also be most welcome.

I understand that there has been some speed monitoring done recently along Victory, which may have contributed to an incident at Victory and Gray last Friday resulting in a collision with injuries and power disruption. I would like all these factors taken into account in returning Victory to the bike route and residential street it has been in the past, rather than the illegal speedway it appears to be transforming into.

Regards

Thomas

On Wed, Dec 19, 2018 at 4:02 PM Jensen, Ernie <Ernie.Jensen@burnaby.ca> wrote:

Hi Thomas.

I have made inquiries on this issue. This item was recently raised at a meeting of the Public Safety Committee. The Assistant Director Engineering - Transportation Services is preparing a report for an upcoming meeting of the Committee. The report is to address speed and volume, traffic safety and potential traffic calming. The Assistant Director has asked if you have any specific requests for traffic calming devices ie; speed humps, traffic circles, locations etc.

Please let us know if you have any other comments at this time. We will note public enquiries in the report.

Regards,

[Ernie Jensen](#)

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From: Thomas Hasek
Sent: December 7, 2018 11:57 AM
To: Jensen, Ernie
Cc: Donna Polos; Carol Newson; Joyce Spencer; Elaine Hasek
Subject: Vehicular collision

Good morning Ernie -

I should like to re-open the issue of traffic calming on residential streets - particularly my own, which happens to be designated bike route.

Last night at around 2200 there was an incident at the intersection of Victory and Gray which resulted in an injury requiring an ambulance; and the intersection was cordoned off for a considerable period, with a fire truck parked diagonally across the intersection, and a lot of debris scattering. I am not privy to the police report, but from what I saw I can surmise that at least one vehicle must have been travelling north on Gray at an excessive speed.

A stronger case for traffic calming along both Victory and Gray would be difficult to make. I am reminded of the days over thirty years ago when Victory and Jubilee was an uncontrolled intersection. After some minor incidents I requested the city install stop signs, to no avail. Shortly thereafter there was a near fatality at that intersection, and magically the next day stop signs were installed on Jubilee.

My understanding is that originally planned roundabouts on Victory were cancelled because of a single homeowner's objection. It is now high time to revisit the issue and install the roundabouts that should have been placed at all the non-thoroughfare intersections along the bike route, in addition to the solitary one at McKay and Victory.

Regards

Thomas Hasek