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Subject: Beaverbrook Dr./Beaverbrook Crescent Road Safety Concerns *IMPORTANT

To Whom it may concern.

My name is Jeff Amadeo, I have been a resident at for over 10 years. We live by the high school and elementary school, The mall and Cameron Recreation Center are real close as well. As of course over 10 years many things have changed, Including the population in Burnaby as well as with traffic flowing into the neighborhood.

I am writing in today in great concern of a crosswalk and road safety. This would be the crosswalk of Beaverbrook Dr./ Beaverbrook Crescent, Many school kids and parents walking to Stoney Creek to and from home rely on this crosswalk. We are very humbled and lucky to have a great crossing guard to guide us and keep us safe while crossing the road. Unfortunately as for drivers who come through they put not only us and the crossing guard at risk but also themselves. Using this crosswalk almost daily can be a fear to us as since the traffic has increased so have the number of reckless driving and unsafe driving have taken place.

At the start of this school year I have become even more concerned and troubled with this situation. I have had many talks with the crossing guard (Anita Loy) and have learned that she has tried for many years and many times to bring and help change the safety of the crosswalk unfortunately to no avail. This is where me and another concerned neighbor that regularly uses the crosswalk have come to help.

I have contacted the RCMP and ICBC before over this issue and I was advised to take down the license plate. This was also advised to the crossing guard when she had contacted over the times as well. Unfortunately this poses a problem as when the car is speeding and goes through the red light, First we are concerned that we are safe and out of the way of danger, Secondly and by this time the speeding driver who has failed to stop at the red light is out of view to be able to get a license plate number. This would be the same for our crossing guard Ms. Loy as she states that the focus is on the safety of the children and to those who are crossing, Therefore rendering it not a sustainable action for her to be able to get the license plate, As well as I have mentioned with my above experiences. It is alarming that there is no traffic camera on this light.

Our neighborhood does see an increase in volume when the usual commutes such as Lougheed Highway and/or Highway 1 see issues or troubles. This directs some more heavier traffic to our area and therefore increasing the risk at our crosswalk. Speeding and failing to stop at the red light. Those drivers that aren't usually too familiar with the area increase this risk. Unfortunately as I find today also that distracted driving seems to be a concern in this situation also and that the driver needs to take more responsibility and be more aware of their surroundings in this situation. Though also with being mentioned the increase over the years with nothing being done to help maintain the safety of our crosswalk.

It seems that the sign lights along with the speed limit 30KM/HR does not help prevent any risks to this situation. A traffic camera would have certainly seen that this was an issue and we could help further by creating a more safe crosswalk. I have heard that a local community officer has also helped in wanting to improve the safety of our crosswalk, They have had talks with the school children also on their safety.

As a rapidly growing community I believe we need to be aware and engage in fixing these risks and making them safe. As well as maintaining the safety of the children, parents, our crossing guard, as well as the drivers safety. A traffic camera would be a start. Improving the signs, A speed bump would be beneficial for the safety of all as well. I believe that it would be in the best interest of the local community police to also watch and observe during more heavier traffic to help prevent any risks.

As a concerned citizen I believe I had to write in to help raise awareness and be a voice in my community to bring attention to this situation. It's something I constantly think about as we cross it everyday when I take my son to Stoney Creek School. For the greater good of the community I ask this in help to continue to work and increase the safety of this crosswalk. We are so thankful and so humbled for the services of Ms. Loy that we owe her a great safe environment as well.

I would hope we can get this letter to the proper management in charge and hopefully we can make some changes to help improve this situation. Thank you very much for reading my letter to you today.

Jeff Amadeo