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Subject: Re: Speed on Inlet Drive

Thanks Terry,

Hello Mr. Dhaliwal,

The Westridge neighbourhood is uniquely positioned as the gateway into and from the city of Burnaby off Barnet Hwy where the speed limit is 80 Km/h. As you approach Burnaby traveling westbound along Barnet Hwy the speed limit changes from 80 km/h to 60 Km/H at the former Kask Brothers cement plant and as you round a blind corner it changes to 50 km/h where Inlet Dr. begins prior to the intersection of Bayview Dr. where two bus stops, entrance to Barnet Marine Park trail and pedestrian controlled intersection is located. Conversely, when traveling Eastbound along Hastings St which turns to the left and turns into Inlet Dr and then Barnet Hwy the speed limit is 50 km/h. As you approach Ridge Dr along Inlet Dr the road slopes down and cars gather speed anticipating the road turning into Barnet Hwy. Approaching the same pedestrian controlled intersection which is behind a blind corner at Bayview Dr. the Speed limit is still 50km/h. Numerous times when you try to cross Inlet at Bayview cars are travelling 80km/h to 100 km/h approaching the pedestrian intersection and can't stop in time or proceed through the intersection on a red signal. The speed limit eventually changes to 60km/h past this intersection and then continues to the Kask brothers cement plant intersection where it turns to 80 km/h after passing all the residential homes and becoming Barnet Hwy. The same applies to the Ridge Dr. pedestrian controlled intersection which also has bus stops on both sides along with a park on the west side.

Due to the obvious safety concerns of cars traveling at highway speeds through a residential 50 km/h zone where two pedestrian controlled intersections are located I'm asking that you please consider installing a digital flashing radar speed sign that displays the current speed of vehicles and posts the speed limit. These are the type of sign used on the Pattullo Bridge and in other areas of the Lower Mainland to show cars how fast they are travelling as they approach the sign and then displays the current speed limit.

The ideal locations for one sign in each direction would be, for Eastbound cars leaving the city just after the Ridge Drive intersection where there currently is a 50 km/h speed limit sign is posted and perhaps in the island would be more visible. Also for West bound traffic just prior to the Bayview Drive intersection where there is also a 50 km/h speed limit sign posted currently in the island.

I believe these two digital radar/speed signs would go a long way in providing drivers with real time speed information and create awareness that they are in a 50km/h zone, not on a Highway but travelling through a residential neighbourhood with an elementary school near by and two pedestrian controlled intersections used by the residents and young children to access the two parks and bus stops located at these intersections.

Over the 11 years that I've lived in the neighbourhood I've watched police enforcement set up typically at Bayview Drive and Ridge Dr. for westbound traffic and at the Kask Brothers intersection occasionally for eastbound traffic to very little lasting effect. Over the last number of years the enforcement has been declining and I've made a number of calls to the RCMP traffic division asking for more enforcement with little results. These type of targeted enforcement has limited long term effect in changing driver behavior and I'm hoping these signs will be a complementary tool providing more driver awareness along with regular police enforcement will eventually reach the goal of slowing drivers down to a more reasonable speed rather than drivers using this residential road as a highway.

If you have any questions or I can be of any assistance please don't hesitate to contact me.

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