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Good afternoon,

My name is Jennifer McDonagh and I am a resident of the Montecito neighbourhood in North Burnaby. My four year old daughter currently attends the Montecito daycare on Camarillo Place and will be attending kindergarten at Montecito Elementary School in the fall.

I am writing to you today in regard to the accident that happened on July 21st at the intersection of Montecito and Duthie Avenue. An accident which claimed the lives of two of our community members. An accident in which speed clearly seems to have been a factor.

This portion of Duthie, as well as Phillips Avenue that runs parallel to Duthie on the backside of the school, is chronically plagued with individuals speeding. Whether that be down Duthie to reach the Barnet highway, or down Phillips for those visiting Squint Lake and the Burnaby Golf course.

I understand that previous efforts by residents to have traffic calming measures put in place have failed. I also understand that this is not the first serious accident that has taken place on Duthie due to high speeds.

I am very disturbed as a resident of this community, and as a parent to a small child, that this accident took place is such close proximity to an elementary school and that a pedestrian was involved.

I understand that this area is part of the bus route, and that the proximity to the fire hall offers a plethora of reasons to not intervene for fear of creating obstacles for essential services. I suppose I am just wondering at what point the safety of the residents of this community takes precedence?

I implore you to consider all options for traffic calming solutions in this neighbourhood. Whether this be speed bumps, a three way stop or a traffic light. There are an abundance of children, families and elderly neighbours that walk these streets and contribute to the culture of this community.

Following the tragic loss of these two lives, it is my hope that the City of Burnaby will prioritize the safety of its residents over the perceived inconvenience of traffic calming measures.

Thank you,

Jennifer McDonagh
Montecito Resident