

In Response to the Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 1965, Amendment Bylaw No. 60, 2020 - Bylaw No. 14278

Rezoning Reference #15-10

7911/15/23 Edmonds Street and 7908 Wedgewood Street

Public Hearing date: Tues. January 26th, 2021 @ 5 p.m.

Written Comments on the Following Sections:

4.3 It is noted that the intersection of Sixth Street and Edmonds Street is currently configured to enable the primary through movement to the south and east. The north and west legs of the intersection are limited, with vehicular traffic on Sixth Street between Wedgewood Street and Edmonds Street currently restricted to south bound travel only. To improve the functionality of this uneven intersection, **a new roundabout is proposed in conjunction with this rezoning application.** This will enable the continuation of the higher volume south and east movements, while enabling the other lower volume legs of the intersection to function more successfully. Curb realignment along Edmonds Street and Sixth Street is also proposed to allow for the provision of separated sidewalks and limited on-street parking along the subject site's Edmonds and Sixth Street frontages.

4.4 The Director Engineering will be requested to prepare an estimate for all services necessary to serve this site, including but not necessarily be limited to:

- the construction of Wedgewood Street to a custom standard with curb, gutter, and street lighting on both sides, and the construction of a separated sidewalk and provision of street trees on the south side of the street, across the development frontage;
- the construction of Edmonds Street to a custom standard with curb, gutter, and separated sidewalks, street trees, street lighting, and on-street parking on the north side of the street, across the development frontage;
- the construction of Sixth Street to a custom standard with curb, gutter, and separated sidewalks, street trees, and street lighting on the east side of the street, across the development frontage;
- **construction of a new roundabout at the intersection of Sixth Street and Edmonds Street;**
- and the upgrade of sanitary storm and water services as required.
- Any necessary road dedications will be determined by detailed geometric and subject to legal survey.

Although we are not opposed to the construction of the Six-Storey Mixed-use Development, there are **deep concerns** regarding the sections as noted above concerning the construction of a new **roundabout** at the intersection of Sixth Street and Edmonds Street.

Sixth Street and Edmonds Street is one of the busiest streets in Burnaby especially during the **morning and evening rush hours**. It is also a **major Transit route** between New Westminster and Edmonds Skytrain Station. There is also a pedestrian streetlight for people and cars wanting to cross this intersection. Having a **Traffic roundabout** in this corner is **NOT feasible**.

Currently, there is only one exit going out from 6th Street to Edmonds Street and not coming into 6th Street. This was deliberately done ***with neighbourhood input many years ago*** for several reasons.

As mentioned, during the morning rush hours, there is a multitude of cars coming up 6th street crossing over to Edmonds Street to get to Canada Way. This is constant.

In the **40 years** we have lived here on Rosewood Street we have seen the impact to our neighbourhood streets when 6th Street is open for **incoming traffic especially during the morning rush hours**. We already see the impact during the evening rush hours as well. Cars would **bypass Edmonds Street** and cut through into 6th Street and use the neighbourhood side streets to get to Canada Way. There have been many accidents with speeding cars in the neighbourhood especially at the corner intersections. We are sure there are historical records of this.

Also there continues to be few sidewalks on 6th Street and it is a major walkway and thoroughfare for **children in the neighbourhood walking to Lakeview Elementary school** on 6th and Mayfield. It would be dangerous for the children walking to school especially in the *ornings* to have speeding cars trying to cut across into the neighbouring side streets to get to Canada Way.

As stated, we already have issues with evening rush hour in the neighbourhood as people turn left on Canada Way into the side streets to get up to the 6th Street Exit bypassing Edmonds Street. Because of this several of the neighbouring side streets have speed humps.

However, on Rosewood Street where we reside, there is neither a sidewalk nor speed humps. There is a median blocking entrance to Rosewood St. from Canada Way, so we do not have as many cars during the *evening rush hours* compared to the other neighbourhood side streets.

Also, on Rosewood Street there is a 10-unit Seniors housing starting to be built this year and if the traffic increases, it will not only impact the families on this street but also the Seniors and staff in this new home. We would **definitely need** to have **speed humps** installed on Rosewood Street and if the City allows this incoming traffic on 6th Street, the neighbours on this street should not have to pay fully for these speed humps.

If the proposed building is wanting to build this Traffic Roundabout and allow cars to come into 6th Street, **this would definitely impact all our neighbourhood side streets** especially with the *morning rush hour traffic*. It would also divert and increase the flow of traffic into this neighbourhood during other times of the day and evening.

In the City of Burnaby's newly developing Transportation Plan, the Draft Vision states that:
Burnaby will provide...

- a driving environment that is predictable and reliable; and
- **a safe environment for all users.**

That this is a multi-modal system that provides access and choice, offers safe and secure mobility, encourages healthy and active communities, protects and enhances the natural environment, and builds vibrant, connected communities.

Some of the **goals** listed in this Transportation Plan applies to our 6th Street/Lakeview Neighbourhood such as:

The Goals for a CONNECTED TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM that:

- **reduces the impacts of through-traffic within neighbourhoods;**
- provides integrated transportation networks that connect the City's neighbourhoods and surrounding communities;
- provides well-designed and high-quality streets and public realm; and,
- provides a balanced transportation system that works for all users.

The Goals for a GREEN TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM that:

- increases biodiversity and support natural systems within street infrastructure;
- *reduces the environmental impacts of transportation (greenhouse gas emissions, pollution, and noise).*

The Goals for a SAFE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM that:

- reduces deaths, injuries, and conflicts for all modes;
- *reduces frequency and severity of crashes for all modes;*
- *reduces concerns about personal safety and security;*
- promotes safe and respectful behaviour for and by all mode users.

We were not sure if this has already been brought to the attention of the **Traffic Safety Committee** and if this also goes to the **Director of Engineering** as stated, we ask that they both review the history and background of the Sixth Street and Edmonds Street corner, as well as the issues and the impacts of this **proposed Roundabout** to the entire 6th Street/Lakeview neighbourhood.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Attention City Clerk,

I am in support of this zoning application providing the developer or the city consider the higher density building will compound already poor traffic flow and access in the neighbourhood. As part of this application or any future development should consider improvements in the area which allow two-way access on 6th Street (Referring to the east property line of 7911 Edmonds St and 7908 Wedgewood St) and lakeview neighbourhood area opening access to under utilized 4th street.

As a property owner who has spent the last 50 years in Burnaby and 30 in this neighbourhood, the one-way access on the intersection of 6th St and Edmonds St has been restrictive for local access and is a negative feature for those who live in this area. I have also got the same feedback from multiple property owners in the neighbourhood who would support this alteration.

The request for road widening would add an additional lane on 6th st and consider other options to open access to 4st in the area which would allow two-way access to this neighbourhood and improved traffic access to all residents in the area. At this time, the intersection only allows for traffic to travel southbound from 6th St. I have provided an image here below which outlines the roadway of question (Red Circle):



Having lived in the neighbourhood and an advocate for safety, these types of improvements will provide safer traffic flow and access to Lakeview Elementary School and the neighbourhood area. Please, consider this area for improvement to allow safe access in the area with the new developer application. Also this is a hindrance of property owners who reside on that side of 6th Street with limited access coming from Robert Burnaby Park into this neighbourhood with multiple roads closed off.

Having recently added a bus lane on Edmonds at Canada Way has greatly impacted the traffic flow traveling in both directions.

Currently, I am a resident of 7937 Elwell St, Burnaby, V5E1M3
Look forward to hearing from you,

Thank you,

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