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Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 1965, Amendment Bylaw No. 38, 2023 - Bylaw No. 14616 REZ #23-06 – Portion of 6800 Lougheed Highway

Submission

Dear Burnaby City Council,

I am writing in support of the rezoning of the portion of 6800 Lougheed Hwy (REZ #23-06) with one caveat.

As Brentwood has been developed and feeder streets crossing Lougheed have sprung up between Willingdon and Gilmore to the west and Delta to the east, traffic moving through the area on Lougheed has ground to a halt. I implore Council to not allow developers to make the same mistake along other areas of Lougheed. Please require developers to make use of existing roads that cross Lougheed rather than allowing them to break up large parcels of land with new roads and lights that will only stop the flow of traffic.

This request may seem implausible, but it is not impossible and it could be efficient. If large areas of land are redeveloped as their own communities, they don't need roads through them. Pedestrian and cycling boulevards, wide enough for fire and emergency access, within multi-block communities could serve for transportation. Vehicles could turn right or left, into or out of underground parking off existing secondary roads that feed on to Lougheed at existing lights. Lougheed could be maintained as a through thoroughfare by restricting left turns to existing lights (multiple blocks apart) and allowing only right hand turn on/off of Lougheed in dedicated lanes to avoid impacting traffic flow.

Parking in the community can stay entirely underground reducing the clutter of vehicles and improving the atmosphere of the community. The Solo buildings' outdoor parking is an example of failed traffic flow - it should all have been directed underground, similar to Metrotown.

The City of Burnaby wishes to build a more efficient, carbon neutral future, and planning for density in such a way that people are not relying on their vehicles to move about their community is a first step (no cars within the multi-block community). Ensuring people can drive between communities without idling, further saves time, and reduces emissions.

Please thoroughly consider this vision before you accept the rezoning proposal, especially if this REZ #23-06 seeks to add new roads with lights on Lougheed; it will make the area as impassable and aggravating as Brentwood currently is.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions or comments.

Sincerely,
Stephen Baker
Lifelong citizen of Burnaby.