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To: MayorandCouncil

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Subject: truck and traffic noise

Dear Mayor and Council,

Please accept this letter regarding the ongoing traffic noise on the new section of highway from Nelson Creek to Eagleridge.

Western residents knew there was going to be construction noise even if MOT failed to mention it in any of the "consultation meetings". Sort of bending the truth through omission. However in the same "consultations" MOT was emphatic that new highway grades connected to the Sea to Sky highway expansion would not result in increased engine brake noise. Well, without putting too fine a point on it, this was an outright lie. The use of noisy engine brakes has increased a hundredfold on the highway between Nelson Creek and Eagleridge. I have spent two years on the phone and in meetings with John Cavanagh from MOT with absolutely no success in remedying the situation. Cavanagh himself acknowledged the flagrant use of engine brakes but is in a quandary as to why. Well the reasons are obvious despite MOT's denial throughout the consultation process. The highway widening has brought it closer to the residents below. The highway is confusing resulting in truckers using their engine brakes in response to their confusion. The grade is higher at the Eagleridge area thus resulting in south bound trucks braking when before it was not necessary.

Does the Municipality have any power over this issue? It is tax paying West Van residents who are affected by this issue yet the Municipality seems either too busy or not interested. Are we to expect that engine brake use is now part of the fabric of Western West Vancouver? At the very least where are the police in regards to enforcement of laws regarding the flagrant use of engine brakes.

All of this while the rest of the highway between Caulfeild and Taylor Way enjoys new or rebuilt sound walls including a ten foot cement wall at the Westmount brake check. Why noise mitigation for everyone but Western residents?

West Vancouver must have some ability to enforce laws that provide for the peace and quiet of its residents.

Your assistance regarding this increasingly serious issue would be appreciated.

Yours truly,

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