

December 8, 2009

Mayor and Council
MUNICIPALITY OF WEST VANCOUVER
750 - 17th Street
West Vancouver, BC V7V 3T3

Dear Mayor Goldsmith-Jones and Members of Council

For quite some time, the intersection at Cross Creek Road and Chartwell Drive has been a safety issue, particularly for the students of Sentinel Secondary School and their families. In an effort to alleviate congestion and unsafe driving and parking in this location, we have come together as stakeholders to attempt to encourage action.

The action we want is for the Municipality to reconfigure this intersection in the interests of safety.

Briefly, the stakeholder concerns and interests are as follows:

- British Properties Area Homeowners Association is concerned as nearly 40% of all the students at Sentinel live above Highway 99 and so many Area residents pass through this intersection daily, with attendant risks.
- Sentinel PAC has concerns for all parents and children having to pass through this intersection daily to and from school. There is speeding, driver impatience due to congestion and consequent unsafe driving habits, and unsafe parking during pickups and drop-offs of students.
- Hollyburn Club is also concerned with the safety of the intersection, as so many of its members have to pass through it, and because roughly 100 students from Sentinel Secondary cross the intersection daily on foot to come to the Club for lunch, dinner and after-school activities. Parents also pick up and drop off at the Club.
- Finally, while we cannot call upon them to sign this letter, we have informally heard from Fire Hall


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personnel with concerns about this intersection and the area immediately downhill. They cited drivers speeding in this area, the safety of personnel and pedestrians when backing the vehicle in after a callout, parents parking across the Fire Hall's exit/entrance lanes and the safety of a crosswalk south of the Fire Hall with a curve and hedge that impede driver sightlines.


The stakeholders below would be interested in meeting with you or your representatives to discuss potential options. We would welcome public consultation around this issue in an attempt to resolve it as quickly as possible. We are also willing to present to you on Council's agenda in the immediate future.

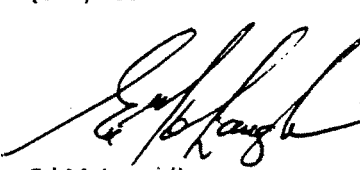
The stakeholders are looking for guidance in regard to the process to be used. If you would kindly contact Peach Akerhielm (604) [redacted] below at your earliest convenience to discuss options, it would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,


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