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Dear ()

RE: Westmount Road Traffic Calming Project

Thank you for your recent email in which you queried the rationale, cost and results for the Westmount Road Traffic Calming Project. I have been asked to respond to your queries on behalf of Mayor and Council.

The Westmount Road Traffic Calming Project was initiated at the request of the Westmount neighbourhood on the basis of excessive speed and overall traffic safety. I have attached a recent report to Mayor and Council which details the process, costs and results as a consequence of this project for your information. In summary, the speed and traffic safety concerns by residents were confirmed by testing and through discussions with ICBC. The District, ICBC, neighbours and even the Westmount Chevron then collaborated to develop and fund the traffic calming plan as it presents itself to date. The result of implementing the Westmount Road Traffic Calming Project is: a mean speed just over 50 kph, a reduction in the 85th percentile speed (the speed at which 85 of every 100 vehicles is travelling at or slower) decreased from a high of 65.5 kph to 58.9 kph and a reduction in excessive speed (speed greater than 70 kph) of 84 percent. Also, the landscaping as installed is low maintenance and drought resistant. That said, what little maintenance is required will be from the existing road budget and by a few neighbours who have volunteered their "collective green thumbs."

Concerning your final query regarding the "retaining curb" installed along Westridge Place, please be advised this structure was constructed to effect a pedestrian walking space connecting the Westmount and Bayridge neighbourhoods separate from vehicle traffic.

In closing, I would invite you to please call at 604.925.7157 if I can be of further assistance.

Yours truly,



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Attachment

cc: Mayor and Council

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From: ()
Sent: October 21, 2009 1:43 PM
To: MayorandCouncil
Subject: re: renaming the Seniors' Activity Centre

Hello!

We are both in favour of renaming the Seniors' Activity Centre in honour of Peter Jones. It would have been wonderful to do it while he was still alive. However, it would be an enduring legacy for his family in this generation and generations to come. Thank you for the suggestion.

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p.s. I am curious as to the reason and the cost of the recent work on Westmount Road which has included installation of concrete islands with plants and rocks, a Westmount plaque in a big turnaround and other hazards which undoubtedly, will become a hazard to vehicles in the years ahead.

I have lived in the area for nearly 40 years and do not recall accidents on Westmount Road. I notice tire marks on all of the Islands along Westmount Road which indicates that cars are constantly hitting the curbs with their tires. The road has been severely narrowed in places.

Who would ever suspect an Island turnaround in the middle of a through road, especially at night time on a dark rainy night? My heart goes out to folks unfamiliar with the area trying to find their way around in the dark with all those obstacles in their path. Whatever precipitated the construction of these Islands which will require ongoing maintenance with increased costs to the taxpayers for negative benefit?

I am also curious about the cost of a retaining curb constructed on the northwest side of the overpass during the last year. Was a cheaper alternative to achieve the same purpose looked at? It did not appear to be very cost effective but perhaps I am misinformed as to the purpose of the structure.

Thank you for your response in advance.

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