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Dear ()

RE: Westmount Road

I have been asked by Mayor and Council to respond to your recent email in which you questioned the rationale for expending tax dollars on traffic calming along Westmount Road.

In 2007, residents of Westmount Road and the adjacent cul-de-sacs approached District staff with their concern for speeding. A subsequent speed and traffic volume survey by staff provided confirmation for their concern – eighty five of every hundred vehicles were travelling at speeds up to 67KPH and fifteen of every hundred vehicles were travelling faster.

At that point staff contacted ICBC to verify the crash history for Westmount Road - there had been many reports of crashes including two separate fatalities involving children. Upon their review ICBC very quickly committed to becoming a project partner, providing a financial contribution. Staff had also identified a dollar amount in its approved Road Safety budget for 2009.

Upon collecting the necessary data and detailing the issues, residents and staff began a collaborative process by which appropriate traffic calming measures were identified. The measures had to be effective at slowing traffic yet not so rigid that they could not be made to enhance the neighbourhood. A fundamental element to traffic calming is creating a sense of neighbourhood, hence landscaping is very important to the outcome. Locations for each element were selected respecting access and parking and a plan for implementation was developed.

The project is nearing completion and will be followed up with another speed survey to confirm its success. From initial accounts, the traffic calming has already changed the character of the neighbourhood.

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Lastly, both the local business, Westmount Chevron and residents, have contributed financially to a new community sign for their neighbourhood which states "this is where we live!"

This project has been a huge success from my perspective. It involved a community uniting towards a common goal – *public safety*; a successful process – *sharing information and developing solutions*; partnerships and implementation. As such, I cannot agree with your characterization of this project. Thirty to forty of your fellow tax payers had a huge hand in this project and they deserve to be congratulated for their initiative and dedication to their community.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone at 604.925.7157.

Yours truly,



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Subject: Westmount Road

Madam Mayor, Council and Director of Engineering

It appears from the markings on the road surface that you plan another set of road islands for Westmount Road. In my view this is a complete waste of tax payer's money, both for construction and the on going maintenance. It appears to me and a lot of my West Vancouver friends to be a make work project. Surely we have better places to spend our money (that is the tax payer's money)

If speeding along Westmount is the motivation for these road works, why not do what we should be doing, using the West Vancouver police to make random radar speed checks on this road and ticket the offenders. If it really is a problem the fines collected will go along way to paying for the cost of the policing.

Rather than wasting time and resources on this type of ridiculous project why not spend time on things that really matter to the electorate. For instance re-zone Glencagles golf course to park land and change the zoning of all the West Vancouver parks to park land.

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