

April 20, 2009

1805-02 (11)

Mayor & Council  
The Corporation of  
The District of West Vancouver,  
750 -17th Street  
West Vancouver, B. C.  
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Dear Mayor & Council,

**Re: Intersection - Duchess Avenue and 14th Street**

After two close calls at the above intersection in the last ten days, I thought it was time to notify you about the problem there.

That intersection had remained unchanged for at least the last 40 years. Why someone decided it needed changing now remains a mystery. I'm not the only one who has nearly had an accident there. A close friend was nearly t-boned by a pick-up truck which was proceeding north on 14th Street and presumably thought my friend who was travelling west on Duchess would be stopping at the now non-existent stop sign. The irony is that the truck driver was the one who was waving his arms about believing that my friend should have stopped when she was the one with the right-of-way. If you look at the topography at the intersection, particularly for north bound traffic on 14th, you will certainly note the blind spot.

I spoke to the police last week about that recent change in traffic control and they told me they were not in favour of the change. They said that there had been four **reported** accidents at that intersection since the change, one requiring hospitalization. They also stated that they too could not understand why after 40 years it was changed.

My suggestion is to change it back, and quickly.

Yours truly,



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