

August 24<sup>th</sup> 2009

The Corporation of the District of West Vancouver  
750 -17<sup>th</sup> Street  
West Vancouver, B.C.  
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Dear Madam Mayor and Council,

Re: Westmount Road

Four weeks ago I responded to the letter I received from Mr. Dozzi. which was in response to my original letter regarding the "traffic calmers" recently installed on Westmount Road. I have yet to receive a response to my letter of July 21<sup>st</sup>. Unfortunately I used the wrong address on my July 21<sup>st</sup> letter so perhaps that is the reason I have not heard from anybody thus far. However I do hope somebody at city hall will give me the answers I requested.

I assume and sincerely hope that MR Dozzi is not responsible for setting policy in the Municipality so I am addressing this letter to Mayor and Council. I really do want to know why it appears to be the policy of this and previous West Vancouver councils to opt out of enforcing the by-laws of the municipality.

As I noted in my letter of July 21 the traffic calming devices only have benefit if in fact there is benefit for those on Westmount Road. I cannot imagine what the cost of installation was and the ongoing maintenance costs will be. But, I would suspect it would go a long way to covering the cost of one additional officer on the West Vancouver police force. Perhaps this officer could be seen on our streets enforcing the traffic laws of the Municipality.

Those that break the traffic laws know they are very unlikely to be caught, so they continue to ignore traffic lights, stop signs, speed limits etcetera. Perhaps a bigger presence of the police on our streets would not only reduce the traffic violations but may also deter other criminals from doing business in our municipality.

I am not suggesting we send the police out to fine every offender. My belief is that you should have them out on the street to remind violators they are breaking the constitutional laws of the area and give the offender a warning that if they are caught again they may face charges, record the offenders details and have them stored on a police computer for reference to all officers while on duty. Perhaps you only keep the record for 24 or 12 months, thus allowing the citizen to clear his/her name with a good record. This is a far better way of enforcing the laws and ensuring they are continued to be respected than building band aids to the problem such as the concrete "traffic calmers".

I really would appreciate an answer to my original letter of the 21st and to the matters raised here. I think as a tax payer I am entitled to an honest response from council.

Yours truly,

