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Sent: August 25, 2009 1:13 PM
To: Boulevard Hotline
Cc: MayorandCouncil
Subject: Hazardous Intersections

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1. On July 15th I sent the following message to the District:

To West Vancouver Roads:
I would like to get the scrub trees removed from the adjacent road allowance along 11th Street from Inglewood to Esquimalt. It is particularly bad at Haywood (north west corner) as it is impossible to see cars speeding down 11th (southbound) and get safely across from Haywood to 11th.
Please have them removed or put in some traffic calming devices on 11th street as the traffic in both directions is particularly speedy.
I can meet with staff to outline the problem areas.
Thanks....()

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I note that there has been no apparent action on this intersection within the 21-days as indicated in the E-mail acknowledgment from the Municipality.

2. Intersection at Inglewood and Braeside:

Within the past 2-weeks there has been a traffic accident (one car "totaled") at this intersection as a result of laurel bushes crowding onto the street and blocking the Stop Sign (north-west corner). One car sped through the intersection because the stop sign was not visible.
About 5-years ago the encroachment of the laurel bushes resulted in the Municipality simply moving the stop sign out to the paved portion of the street and not having the laurel bushes trimmed away from the intersection.

This has now become a serious safety hazard and I would like the Municipality to have the laurel bushes removed so that the visibility at the intersection is improved for both cars and pedestrians.

I have also noticed this year in the Municipality, that as a result of the warm summer weather the growth of trees and bushes has accelerated, resulting in many encroachments at various intersections and sidewalks. Perhaps it is about time to alert homeowners in Tidings of their requirements to trim hazard trees and bushes along their properties.

The District cannot simply ignore these safety issues and perhaps it is about time to add staff and alert its crews about trees and bushes along the Municipal road allowances.

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