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Dear Mr. Nikpay:

**RE: Cross Creek Road at Chartwell Drive - Traffic Congestion, Safety and Parking**

Your recent letters (dated November 27<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>) in which you expressed your concern for traffic congestion, unsafe driving and parking at the intersection of Cross Creek Road and Chartwell Drive, have been received by Mayor Goldsmith-Jones. Given my involvement to date with the School Traffic Safety Advisory Committee and this particular issue, I have been asked to respond on her behalf.

The School Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (STSAC) has been tasked with working with School District 45 to improve traffic safety adjacent to schools. In July 2004 the STSAC produced a document entitled *Traffic Safety in School Zones* which was intended to guide traffic safety improvements adjacent to schools with consideration for annual budgets and resources. As this work is nearing completion, it is time for staff to begin a process of re-polling all schools in an effort to identify any outstanding or recent issue. I would expect that re-polling would be completed in 2010 after which all noted projects would be evaluated and prioritized.

Concerning this specific location, I have dedicated funds in the 2010 Traffic Safety Budget to begin with a survey. Based on earlier discussions within the STSAC, design of a roundabout at this intersection was proposed to:

- Better facilitate turns from/to Cross Creek Road and Chartwell Drive thereby reducing congestion.
- Allow for vehicles to more easily re-orient themselves northbound to southbound and vice versa thereby allowing for motorists to position their vehicle adjacent to the sidewalk.
- Eliminate U-Turns and the use of driveways for turns.

- Slow vehicles on the approach to this intersection and through the neighbourhood.
- Reduce the probability of crashes and their severity.

I would also note that the District of West Vancouver invested funds in 2009 to improve the driveway into Sentinel Secondary School as well as on site circulation. This project has proved to be very successful.

In closing, I would like to thank you for your continued interest in improving traffic safety in the community.

Yours truly,

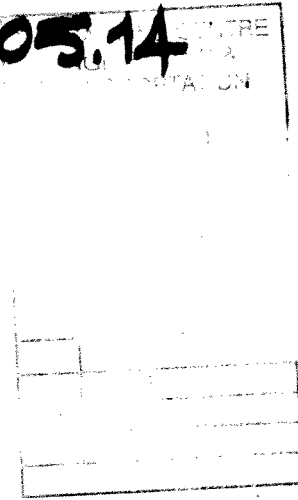


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Peach Akerhielm, President, Sentinel Parents Advisory Council  
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November 30, 2009

Mayor Pamela Goldsmith-Jones  
MUNICIPALITY OF WEST VANCOUVER  
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Dear Mayor Goldsmith-Jones

**RE: Request for the Municipality of West Vancouver to review and resolve congestion and safety issues at the intersection Cross Creek Road and Chartwell Drive.**

For quite some time, the intersection at Cross Creek Road and Chartwell Drive has been a safety issue, particularly for the students of Chartwell Elementary and Sentinel Secondary Schools and their families. In an effort to alleviate congestion, unsafe driving and parking in this location, we have come together as stakeholders to attempt to encourage action.

The action we request is for the Municipality to reconfigure this intersection in the interests of safety.

Briefly, the stakeholder concerns and interests are as follows:

- **British Properties Area Homeowners Association (BPAHA)** is concerned as nearly 40% of all the students at Sentinel live above Highway 99 and many Area residents pass through this intersection daily, with attendant risks.
- **Sentinel and Chartwell Parent Advisory Councils (SPAC and CPAC)** have concerns for all parents and children having to pass through this intersection daily to and from school. There is speeding, driver impatience due to congestion and consequent unsafe driving habits, and unsafe parking during pickups and drop-offs of students.
- **Hollyburn Country Club** is also concerned with the safety of the intersection, as so many of its members have to pass through it, and because roughly 100 students from Sentinel Secondary cross the intersection daily on foot to come to the Club for lunch, dinner and after-school activities. Parents also pick up and drop off students both inside and outside the gates of Hollyburn Country Club.
- Finally, while we cannot call upon them to sign this letter, we have informally heard from Fire Hall

personnel with concerns about this intersection and the area immediately downhill. They cited drivers speeding in this area, the safety of personnel and pedestrians when backing the vehicle in after a callout, parents parking across the Fire Hall's exit/entrance lanes and the safety of a crosswalk south of the Fire Hall with a curve and hedge that impede driver sightlines.

The stakeholders below would be interested in meeting with you or your representatives to discuss potential options. We would welcome public consultation around this issue in an attempt to resolve it as quickly as possible. We are also willing to present to you on Council's agenda in the immediate future.

The stakeholders are looking for guidance in regard to the process to be used. If you would kindly contact Peach Akerhielm (604) 921-6755 below at your earliest convenience to discuss options, it would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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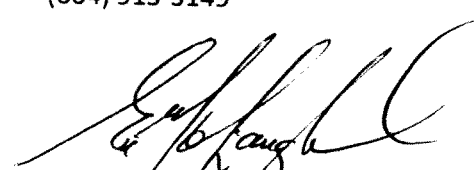
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