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LETTER: Everyone is responsible for safer streets

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Dear Editor:

It is very upsetting to read in the news about the number of accidents happening in North Vancouver. I find it difficult to believe that nothing can be done either by the City of North Vancouver or the RCMP. Here is an example: Grand Boulevard is a "racing speed track" in a residential area. So is Keith Road, so is Lonsdale Avenue and many more roads.

One of the worst that continues to increase is Grand Boulevard from where they turn on to 19th Street travelling south on both the west and east side. The worst intersection is 17th Street and Grand Boulevard both west and east sides as well as many intersections all the way down Grand Boulevard to Keith Road.

The west side at 17th Street and Grand Boulevard has had way too many accidents because of speeding, people ignoring stop signs and the intersections not being lit up. There aren't two weeks that go by where you don't see police, fire and ambulance show up.

I don't understand why they do not put a fourway stop at 17th Street and Grand Boulevard. I do not understand why they don't put up a lit up crosswalk with lights! It is awful to hear the screeching, the speeding and the smashing outside of my home.

This happens on an ongoing basis.

I am very mindful when I get into my vehicle on Grand Boulevard, because of the speeding traffic heading south from 19th Street.

The police could be handing out many speeding tickets on Grand Boulevard at all times of day and night.

Also in North Vancouver, way too many people blow through stop signs, sometimes with kids in their vehicles. They speed up to the stop sign, or do not even stop, especially between the hours of 3-7 p.m. Are they all rushing to get their kids to the next place?! Then please slow down and pay attention to the signs.

A few notes to pedestrians walking across the streets in North Vancouver. You do have the right to cross the street - but please do not take it for granted that these speeding vehicles will stop. There have been many times where I have witnessed drivers not stopping, or speeding to a stop. So best to make sure they stop first.

A note to pedestrians of all ages and the many kids walking home from schools or work. You as well need to not think a car can stop on a dime - stop texting and walking! There is an arrogance from some pedestrians who think they own the road.

I wish everyone would just collaborate in peace and safety.

Happy holidays - let us see some lights and four-way lit up intersection lights on streets!

Let us see the police handing out way more speeding tickets.

Thank you.

A concerned human.

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