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LETTER: Cyclists, it's time to grow up and learn the rules of the road

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Dear Editor:

I am fed up. Why? Because I am tired of seeing bicyclists breaking so many rules as if they are above the law in their road habits.

I have lived and been a large part of West Vancouver for more than 40 years. My kids grew up in West Van and learned at a very young age the rules and courtesies of bicycling on our roadways.

Today it was almost the end of my happy days in West Vancouver. I was in a marked crosswalk at 18th and Bellevue, waiting to cross, and a vehicle stopped to let me cross, which is the law. As I was crossing, a cyclist came down the hill from 19th at a very high speed whilst I was in the crosswalk, screaming through the crosswalk on the outside of the car. The hit would have very seriously injured me if not killed me. I watched with dismay as he rode on down to 17th Street, through the stop sign, and then through the stop sign at 16th and on to 15th, through the stop sign without stopping. This was not a teenager. I am concerned enough to make this statement. Enough is enough.

Cyclists: grow up and learn the rules of the road. And to the West Vancouver police, I have never in the 40 years ever seen you ticket any of these cyclists involved. Are you afraid of them?

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