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LETTER: Traffic circles meant to ensure safety of our citizens

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Dear Editor:

I am writing to respond to a recent letter complaining about traffic circles and the redirection of the stop signs on the east side of Lower Lonsdale. Many people complain about the inefficiency of traffic circles. However, while slowing the traffic, they also ensure the continued uninterrupted flow of traffic in all directions, which adds to efficiency.

The positions of the stop signs were also changed, as part of this traffic calming program by the city, from the uphill side streets to the east-west flow, in order to interrupt the speed of traffic that treats East Second Street as a racetrack at speeds of 50 to 90 kilometres per hour from St. Georges to St. Davids. I live at the corner of St. Andrews Avenue and East Second Street.

There are at least one or two traffic accidents a month at this intersection. The speed bumps on Second Street and the changes at the St. Georges and East Second intersection are to ensure the safety of the many elderly citizens who live in the Twin Towers and the many children and challenged citizens, who all enjoy the services and facilities of the North Shore

Neighbourhood House. We need to understand that these are not roads or vehicle corridors, but streets, for the use of citizens who live in the community. These changes are made to provide safety to the neighbourhood and perhaps allow families to reclaim their streets, allowing their children to play and rediscover the spaces in front of their homes again, as we all used to do many years ago.

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