

Subject: [Fwd: FW: Riverside Speed humps]

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From: Brian Platts <brian_platts@telus.net>

To: Corrie Kost <kost@triumf.ca>

Corrie - it's strange but I received this email just now (Sunday evening) and it is dated Thursday.

-Brian

Subject: FW: Riverside Speed humps

Date: Thu, 20 Dec 2001 14:10:19 -0800

From: "Bill Maurer" <billm@millsoft.ca>

To: <fonvca@fonvca.org>

-----Original Message-----

From: Bill Maurer [<mailto:billm@millsoft.ca>]

Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2001 1:35 PM

To: Ernie Crist

Cc: 'hanson@shaw.ca'; 'mhaarte@shaw.ca'; speedhumps@seymourvalley.ca;

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Subject: RE: Riverside Speed humps

You Ernie Crist voted to keep the speed humps on Monday night yet you try to deflect the blame to someone else. You and your fellow councillors are the only problem that is keeping these draconean devices here. Our community is together, staff is trying to be accomodating, and councillors are being arrogant.

If you think there is a problem on our street then PROVE IT! Anyone can say anything. Compare the speed graph on our street to other collectors (maybe the one closest to your home) and compare the accident rate on our street to others (maybe yours).

There is not one councillor that is asking the right questions at the council meetings. Council meetings do not allow public input when debate is going on and then we have to take the unprofessional results.

At the advisory meeting we asked Sgt Beaudoin "How does speeding on Riverside Drive compare to other collectors in the district". The answer was that it is not a problem street! Why didn't any of you asked that question at the council meeting? All you had to do was look at the minutes of the advisory meetings on <http://seymourvalley.ca/speedhumps>. Because you're all biased and insist on imposing something on us. It's not much different than how bullies act. How can we have fair representation on council when not even a single councillor is debating properly for the communities viewpoint?

We are together and we are going to yell foul until at least one councillor

agrees to represent the "coalition for flat roads" and puts 100% effort into defending our interest which is unobstructed access to our homes.

To any councillor: Call me at 789-2172 if you want to support us.

Ernie's comment:

As for the speed humps? Put yourself in the position of people who have to walk on that street with their children. How can we encourage people to walk when there are no proper sidewalks and cars and motorbikes are racing up and down at up to 90 KM?.

So why don't you do the same thing on your street Ernie? You're all so arrogant and condescending. Well right back on you. What makes your nearest collector so much better than ours? Maybe we should just put speed humps on every collector. Coquitlam had that mission and are now removing \$250,000 in traffic calming devices.

Here's a challenge for all of you:

1. Staff is to gather speed and accident data from all collectors servicing each councillor's home.
2. It is also to send out questionnaires to all homeowners in the immediate area
3. If the speed data is any worse than Riverside 14.5k/h over the speed limit at 85th percentile or 20 residents vote for traffic calming then you have to install speed humps.

Leave our neighbourhood alone and give our community proper representation on council!

Here are the ratios and this is the problem in a nutshell.

Seymour Valley Community 3:1 to remove the humps
Advisory committee 1:1 to remove/keep the humps
Council 7:0 to keep the humps

So what's wrong with this picture?

Don't worry Ernie, the fight will continue until council comes to its senses and removes the humps but we've stopped fighting each other. We know where the real problem lies.

Stop playing politics with our neighbourhood and wasting our tax dollars. The money would be better spent on lighting, sidewalks, and signs which are still some of the worst in the district.

Regards,

Bill Maurer

Coalition for flat roads :)

-----Original Message-----

From: Ernie Crist [<mailto:CristE@district.north-van.bc.ca>]

Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2001 12:27 PM

To: 'billm@millsoft.ca'

Cc: 'hanson@shaw.ca'; 'mhaarte@shaw.ca'

Subject: Riverside Speed humps

A message from Ernie Crist;

The adjustments we have made to the speed humps have been positive. If they are not perfect yet, we will make them perfect. What does perfect mean ? It means to make them so that you can drive at 50 KM maximum. Only if you go faster will you pay the penalty.

On Riverside Drive we have to slow down to 50 KM and make sure it is kept at 50 KM.

Why would any responsible person want to go faster than 50 KM on a road that is narrow, has cars parked on its side, has no sidewalks and where people take their lives into their hands when they back out of their driveways as many of them have to do?. The process of making further improvements will continue. This includes a whole range of measures that were mentioned at the Council meeting ranging from better lights to sidewalks - all kinds of things. Sidewalks, in my opinion, are a priority.

My advice to all concerned residents, if I may be so bold, is to get involved and stay involved. Be patient. Don't use the District's "incompetence" as an excuse to stay aloof. That the District is incompetent many people already know. It has been said in the press a thousand times. "Fonvca" knows it and so does anybody else who has paid any attention to what is going on. Fonvca are the people who have monitored the District for years.

You can ask and they will tell you about the District Heritage Fund, the CCA and the two classes of citizens policy when it comes to paying fees for the use of District land and they will tell you about the KPMG report and the VAT report. They can also tell you about the Waterfront Task Force report and what they have done to Councillor Crist for speaking up. You can also ask "CAGE BC" Coalition for Accountability in Government Enterprises. Apathy is expensive. The present CCA endorsed District Council was elected on false and misleading information - the uninformed public fell for it.

Neighborhood organizations are important - in fact they are very important. Compare neighborhoods where they have community associations with those who have not and you will see the difference. People in a given neighborhood may argue and have strong differences of opinion but, in the end, an involved neighborhood is a better neighborhood - what people in a neighborhood have in common is greater than that which divides them. The problems we face on the globe are not going to be resolved unless we solve them in our own

municipality - that goes from crime, to traffic, from health and recreation to water, waste, taxes and speed humps to mention a few.

As for the speed humps? Put yourself in the position of people who have to walk on that street with their children. How can we encourage people to walk when there are no proper sidewalks and cars and motorbikes are racing up and down at up to 90 KM?.

So why did we not build sidewalks? Why were the speed humps too high, why are there no proper lights ? Ask questions and you will find out. In the meantime, I can tell you that if you fight, you will get and if you don't, you won't.

Also allow me to make a confession - that so many people turned out, regardless of sharp differences, warmed the cockles of my heart. The worst thing is apathy - everything else is surmountable.

The very best to you all for the Season.

Ernie Crist