



## FERNWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

1923 Fernwood Road, Victoria, B.C., V8T 2Y6



Dear Mayor, Council, and City Staff

October 15, 2018

The FCA has been informed by the George Jay PAC and others commuting by foot or bicycle and living in the vicinity of George Jay School, over to Bay St. that there are troubling safety concerns. This is particularly alarming when there is such a high proportion of elementary school traffic involved.

The presenting PAC representatives and residents expressed significant concerns about the safety of our neighbourhood's elementary school students. Our board has asked me to write with our support for City giving the recommendations of those who will be presenting to you on this matter your very serious consideration.

None of us wants to look back regretfully on the serious injury of a child as the impetus for safety remedies that could have been instituted before that injury occurred. The proponents have given serious thought to measures that could assist. With the support of City on remedies to the problems they cite, we could minimize the likelihood of our experiencing those regrets about a student injury.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Laurie Rubin  
President  
Fernwood Community Association





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Nov 1, 2018

**RE: Support for a light at Bay St at Cedar Hill Rd**

The Greater Victoria Cycling Coalition supports the call from parents and neighbours to add a light at the intersection of Bay St and Cedar Hill Rd. This crucial biking connection between between Gorge Jay Elementary School and both the Haultain St and Vancouver St bikeways is a weak spot in the larger 2014 AAA bikeway network, something that can and should be addressed.

As the City of Victoria continues to expand its AAA bicycle network by adding protected bike lanes and traffic-calmed local bikeways, , we feel that attention also needs to be paid to the smaller “hot spot” projects , that help making biking safer and more comfortable at unsafe locations. There have been small improvements already, but we urge the city to follow the lead of the City of Vancouver in creating a Cycling Spot Improvement Project, to deliver infrastructure improvements exactly like what the parents of George Jay Elementary School are requesting for Bay at Cedar Hill and in other locations throughout the city..

Yours,

Corey Burger  
Policy & Infrastructure Chair  
Greater Victoria Cycling Coalition



November 1, 2018

Dear Mayor, Council, and City Staff,

Walk On, Victoria has been in discussion with the George Jay PAC and local residents regarding pedestrian safety around George Jay Elementary School, particularly along Bay Street and Cook Street. We share their concern regarding pedestrian, cyclist, and student safety.

We support the actions proposed including the construction of a cross walk and lights at Cedar Hill & Bay, traffic calming measures along Cook, and better / safer cross walks at Chamber & Bay as well as Cook & Princess. We hope council and city staff also supports solutions that will make it safer for pedestrians, including George Jay students, in this area.

Thank you for your consideration and concern.

Sincerely,

Amanda Macdonald  
Chair, on behalf of  
Walk On, Victoria

*Walk On, Victoria is Greater Victoria's pedestrian advocacy organization that aims to give a voice to pedestrians and ultimately to make Victoria a safer and more enjoyable place for everyone to walk.*