

November 10, 2017

Mayor and Council
City of Victoria
1 Centennial Square
Victoria, BC V8W 1P6

Attention: Mayor and Council

Dear Mayor and Council:

Optimizing Neighbourhood Benefit of Regional Waste-Water Conveyance Infrastructure

The Victoria West Community Association Board of Directors received notice from Councillors Loveday and Isitt of their intention to recommend a motion that City of Victoria council “direct staff to engage CRD Waste Water Project staff and report back to Council on options for advancing neighbourhood transportation management / traffic calming objectives in conjunction with CRD waste-water treatment conveyance infrastructure.” Feeling this motion is particularly pertinent to the community members of Victoria West, the VWCA requested input from the Society’s membership on the matter proposed in the draft motion of “[t]raffic calming, active transportation and green space improvements on Dominion Road and Hereward Road, with particular emphasis on the intersections of Dominion / Pine and Hereward / Wilson.”

Because of the short turn around requested by Councillors Loveday and Isitt, neither the CALUC nor the Transportation Committee was able to call a public meeting. This letter collates feedback received by email to the president between Wednesday, November 8 and Thursday, November 10, 2017.

Feedback from ten residents was unanimously in favour of the motion.

Summary of feedback

- Residents “would like to see crosswalks and traffic calming across Wilson near Hereward. It is very difficult to cross Wilson or Hereward at that corner during peak hours and somewhat difficult most other times due to poor visibility around parked vehicles and no traffic controls or crosswalks. The closest other crosswalks are several blocks away.”
- “Along the sewage pipe route under hereward I'd really like to see improved wider sidewalks due to narrow ones obstructed by utility poles. Traffic measures are really needed here with increasing volume and speed in recent years.”

- “There is bad visibility and no crosswalk for pedestrians and kids crossing to Hereward park and connecting from the neighbourhood to the e&n trail. There are cars parked both sides and cars speeding. Maybe could be fixed by adding sidewalk extensions that stick out periodically along the road and/or reducing parking to one side only and/or changing traffic to one way only along the road.”
- Residents living near Wilson and Hereward “strongly support the proposed motion to call on the CRD Board to incorporate traffic calming, active transportation and greenspace improvements into the planned conveyance system construction in the Vic West neighbourhood.”
- Residents living on Rothwell “would also ask the City of Victoria to look at making complementary improvements to Rothwell Street, when CRD work is undertaken at the Hereward-Wilson intersection. From the map, it looks as though the conveyance system will use Dominion Street. Esquimalt undertook significant traffic calming measures on Dominion Street 10 years ago, which created heavy impact on Rothwell.”
- One resident is also concerned about parking availability and traffic disruption on Burlieth at Dominion.
- One resident commented that “in terms of priority I believe the Hereward/Wilson area is of higher priority than the Dominion/Pine for the following reasons: There is a greater volume of traffic on Wilson St. with multiple entry points onto the street, Hereward only being on of the them. There is no clear markings for pedestrian's to cross. When cars are parked on Wilson, there are blind spots created so that it is dangerous to proceed from the stop signs on Hereward and other corners close by.”
- There is concern that traffic on Pine Street will be intensified.
- A resident who lives on Reno Street hopes for assurance that the cement blockade barring vehicle traffic from crossing through Belton street will either be replaced by a permanent structure or that the cement blockade remain intact.
- Other residents complained that cars speed along Wilson Street and Hereward Road far in excess of posted speed limits. Traffic volume does not allow pedestrians to cross Wilson at Hereward Road safely.

Respectfully submitted by,



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