

Subject: RE: Riverside speed humps

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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Stephen:

It was upon the request of the SVCA that the District conducted a survey. The result of the survey showed that a majority albeit by a slim margin supported the speed humps.

I can readily believe that many people did not pay too much attention to the pros and cons of this issue when the survey was conducted. Indeed judging by the poor voter turnout during local elections it would appear that local government does not rank very high in importance in the minds of District residents even under the best of conditions.

The fact that people lead busy lives trying to survive may well be one of the main reasons. Active participation in the affairs of the community is important nonetheless - it is one of the reasons why we encourage the formation of such associations imperfect as they may be in some cases. It makes for a better community - it also makes our job easier quite apart that it is also a way to save money in the long run and prevent unnecessary divisions in neighborhoods. Indeed your own neighborhood is an example of that. If there had been better communication among the residents via the existing community association we could have saved ourselves a lot of grief as well as taxpayers money. As it is we acted in good faith. .

Be that as it may - I have taken note of your concerns and I sincerely hope that the residents with our assistance can work out a compromise they can all live by. Regardless of the present speed hump issue, I hope that a truly representative community associations in your area can be formed. There are many issues which will affect the livability of the residents on Riverside Drive including the massive proposed developments in Maplewood and adjacent to the Ironworkers Memorial Bridge which will have a momentous impact on local traffic and the livability of Seymour in general to mention but one example.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist.

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Dear Mayor Bell,

I am writing to request advice on how the majority of the residents on Riverside Drive can proceed in having the speed humps removed? We have taken an overwhelming petition which we felt was the procedure in a democratic society, but this does not seem to have solved our anguish. Please tell me how it is possible for a minority of neighbours to hold the rest of us hostage?

I have lived and paid taxes on this street for 38 years, feeling I was living in a very friendly, caring neighbourhood. Yes, some neighbours do speed down our street, as do police cars on patrol and District vehicles. I am sure this is the case on all streets in North Vancouver. Why have we been singled out as victims? Yes, I do feel like I am a victim.

I am also seething with anger. How I admire the level headed business manner in which Phil Holland has proceeded on our behalf. I also congratulate my concerned neighbours for not setting explosives to these menacing humps on Hallowe'en night. May I say I have never felt as insecure on Riverside Drive as I do when pushing my grandchildren's strollers past the speed humps with traffic passing on them. It is very intimidating.


I must say I also resent having my tax money go toward this folly. At my point in Riverside Drive we have no street lighting so I always leave my outside light on to assist pedestrians trying to make their way up our street in the dark.

I feel this dissention would never have taken place if Marilyn Baker still lived down our street.

Please advise me on what steps must be taken to remove the speed humps and bring peace to this neighbourhood.

Thank you for your attention to this situation,

Trish Stephen

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