

Subject: Lack of Public Consultation re: Street & traffic Bylaw 7125

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Acting Mayor & Council:

I am writing on behalf of the Executive Committee of the *Edgemont Community Association* to request in the strongest possible manner, that the proposed "Street & traffic Bylaw 7125" be referred to a thorough public input process before being adopted by Council.

The public needs to be made aware of the significant implications of this new bylaw. For example, section 732 empowers the Municipal Engineer to issue \$25 permits for businesses to occupy public boulevards (and sidewalks) so long as 1.5 meters of width is clear for pedestrians. By comparison, NV City specifies a 3 meter clear area that can be reduced to a minimum of 2 meters in only exceptional circumstances.

The proposed bylaw also allows for so-called "jaywalking" fines (section 403.3); plus the ability to ticket motorists who return to park on the same block, within one hour, to time-limited on-street parking. The bylaw further gives the Municipal Engineer extensive blanket authority (403, 521, 528, 608, 705, 706, 711, 718, 720 etc.). For example, section 403 allows the Municipal Engineer to place Traffic Control devices, introduce parking meters (403.15, 501.37), and rescind, revoke, amend or vary an order (404) under the bylaw. The two most powerful instruments handed the Municipal Engineer is to make and execute Highway Encroachment Agreements (section 719) and Permit Outdoor Customer Services areas on our boulevards (section 732-734)

The Executive of the ECA believes that this bylaw requires far greater public awareness. The new provisions go way beyond simple housekeeping measures. We therefore urge you to consider public opinion, including the appropriate advisory committees and FONVCA, before consideration of this bylaw.

Sincerely,

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