

Subject: Street & Traffic Bylaw

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Dear Mr. Ridge:

I was disappointed with a comment you made at last evening's Council meeting with respect to approving the new Street & Traffic Bylaw. You advised Council that it was better to approve the Bylaw now even though it might be only 80 percent right, rather than forever trying to make it perfect. While District staff and the relevant advisory committees have indeed spent time on the new Bylaw, this was Council's first chance to consider it and hear directly from members of the public and representatives from certain community associations. Clearly there are elements of the new Bylaw that are, and remain, problematic. Considering the previous Bylaw has existed for 20 years (and presumably the new one will last just as long) there was really no pressing hurry to approve the new Bylaw. It's not like the old one was about to expire. It is too bad that such a comprehensive Bylaw wasn't the subject of a Special Council meeting with extended public input and opportunity for questions and answers. In this instance, I see no downside to taking additional time in the attempt to resolve the contentious issues.

Sincerely,
Brian Platts