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To: Victoria Mayor and Council
Philip Bellefontaine, Director of Engineering and Public Works
Ross Kenny, Assistant Director - Transportation
Sarah Webb, Manager - Transportation Planning & Development

Re: Fairfield Road traffic safety

The Fairfield Gonzales Community Association (FGCA) is reaching out to the city about Fairfield Road. Fairfield Road has two elementary schools, Sir James Douglas and Margaret Jenkins plus the FGCA, two parks and three urban villages on it. It is also a thoroughfare connecting several neighbourhoods. We are seeing a series of issues regarding this main arterial road through the Fairfield and Gonzales neighbourhoods. The concerns include lack of traffic calming, enforcement, and safety. Another concern is for citizens to understand the rules and responsibilities for all modes of transport that they use.

In the past and upcoming year, we know the city has added and enhanced several crosswalks. We are aware you have more planned for this year. We are happy the city is taking steps, but more is still needed. The safety of our citizens is paramount and right now we quite a few of our citizens are not feeling safe when crossing or using this road. Here are a few examples of why our citizens are not feeling safe:

- Linden and Fairfield had its crosswalk upgraded this past year but we still have had incidents there where people have narrowly avoided being hit by cars still not stopping. This has been happening at other crosswalks as well.
- The school zone speeds are not being followed as well as speeds at numerous locations, including our parks, along Fairfield Road.
- While we have seen some volunteer police enforcement, we have not seen the police out on Fairfield Road in the past year. Not just for speeding but for other traffic violations as well.
- Street parking at certain crosswalks, such as Fairfield and Wildwood at Hollywood Park, is causing visibility issues for the person crossing.

From an engineering perspective, what can we do to design Fairfield as a road that it feels natural to go slower on as this has been a common topic of conversation about the original design of the road?

We look forward to hearing from you in regards to our concerns, questions and to partnering with you in achieving safety for our neighbourhood on Fairfield Road.



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