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**Angela Hawkshaw**

**From:** Donna Kerkhoven [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 21, 2024 11:55 AM  
**To:** Council  
**Subject:** (External Email) Re: Final Road Safety Action Plan - my comments UPDATED  
**Attachments:** Traffic issues in Saanich.docx

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Hello,

I've added a comment.

Cheers,

Donna Kerkhoven  
[REDACTED]

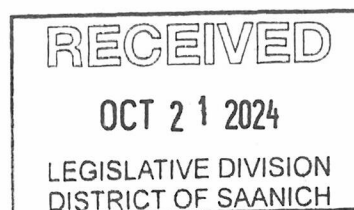
On Oct 20, 2024, at 19:48, Donna Kerkhoven [REDACTED] wrote:

Attached are my comments regarding speed zones in Saanich.

<Traffic issues in Saanich.docx>

Cheers,

Donna Kerkhoven  
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## Traffic issues in Saanich

1. Shelbourne Street at North Dairy Road, north side – Saanich or Victoria?
  - a. There is now a red light at the intersection heading north. In the past, traffic was able to turn left onto North Dairy Road. Now, traffic is backed up to Hillside Avenue and beyond because one lane disappeared between Hillside and North Dairy.
  - b. The new light causes traffic tie-up back to Hillside Avenue and beyond, air pollution, and frustration!
2. Speed limit of 30 km/hr on Saanich Road between Tattersall and Hwy 1 by Uptown Mall:
  - a. It causes traffic tie-ups in a very busy corridor. It causes more air pollution. It doesn't serve anyone well. It's not like there are pedestrians walking across the middle of the road. Pedestrians cross at the lights. Who is gaining from this lowered speed limit?
3. Speed limit of 30 km/hr in the Saanich Panhandle:
  - a. I've lived in the area for 29 years. There is little traffic in the area at the best of times. I feel that my tax dollars would be far better spent fixing other areas, like the sidewalk on Richmond Road, which is a glorified goat trail between Lansdowne Road and Pear Street.
  - b. I find it insulting that with little traffic, the area is now designated at "neighbourhood friendly area". It's been a neighbourhood-friendly area for 30+ years!
  - c. I walk in the area a lot. Twice a day, teens come and go to Lansdowne Middle School in brief periods. Once they've gone home, I never see them. Otherwise, the majority of time, I see adults walking alone or with dogs and cyclists heading to/from Camosun College (or their homes).
  - d. Personally, I feel that a few "helicopter parents" have hijacked things in the area, dictating how everyone else has to live their lives. Why don't these parents teach their children to look both ways when crossing the street! It's not rocket science.
  - e. I notice there is now a cross walk on Forrester Street. It's not needed. Again, there is very little traffic!
4. Cedar Hill X Road between Richmond Road and Cedar Hill Road:
  - a. Why was the speed limit lowered to 30 km/hr? No one walks across the street. Again, it just makes the traffic congested and adds to air pollution. Anyone cycling down the hill between Cedar Hill Road and Shelbourne will easily go faster than 30 km/hr.
5. Everyone I've spoken with in my age group (baby boomer and older) agrees with me. We grew up with 50 km/hr speed zones and we survived. How? We were taught to look both ways.
  - a. Yes, we didn't have our heads down looking at our phones. Most of my friends have enough sense to look up when they cross the street. Why, because we have road sense!

Donna Kerkhoven

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