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Public Works and Transportation Committee
6911 No. 3 Road
Richmond, B.C.
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Dear Members of the Committee:

Re: Intersection of No. 1 Road and Moncton Street

I am appearing in front of this committee because I have serious concerns about the safety of the intersection at No. 1 Road and Moncton Street. In the late afternoon of January 19th I was struck down by a pick-up truck while crossing Moncton Street. The truck had come to a full stop at the stop sign but the driver failed to notice me as I walked across the street in the crosswalk. As a result, I was knocked down by this vehicle.

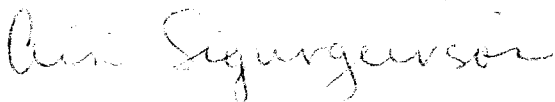
This intersection is a serious safety concern, especially for pedestrians on sunny weekend days and during the summer - cars have to compete with pedestrians and Steveston has lots of pedestrian traffic. Often No. 1 Road (southbound) and Moncton Street (westbound) are backed up with traffic, there are people in the crosswalks and the 4 way stop system begins to break down. Drivers get impatient and this contributes to a dangerous situation at this corner, not only for foot traffic but also for cars.

I would like to see a traffic light with pedestrian activated signals at the corner of No. 1 Road and Moncton Street. There is already a pedestrian activated signal at the intersection of Chatham Street and No. 1 Road, but surprisingly, nothing at this even busier intersection.

I did talk to an employee in the Traffic Division who mentioned several studies have been done regarding traffic patterns in Steveston. A major concern was that cars would speed through green lights going westwards along Moncton Street. I think a series of speed bumps in front of the Steveston Community Centre would address this problem. It would also make the area around the Centre safer for pedestrian traffic.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,



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