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City Council  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

To Whom It May Concern

Back in May of 2019 I dropped off a letter in regards to my concerns of safety and also for the disadvantages a driver has in the areas traveling from 33rd West proceeding East from Idylwyld to Warman Rd.

I did email a letter to Tom Simpson at the City of Saskatoon along with pictures. In his review he said he had spoke with his supervisor and they went on google maps and found the signage.

I replied back saying that was not fair and not except able based on google maps is not close to the lack of visibility that a driver in a car such as mine warrants.

In a car we sit lower and also have to adhere to signs , street lights and pedestrians plus a severe amount of traffic.

I have some suggestions that I would like to put forward with City Council to help with the congestion of traffic and the numerous signage that is not visible to drivers. Also first and foremost is my concern of safety for pedestrians.

The school that is beside the church on the north side of 33rd St W. does not identify its signage well in advance of the school.

Anyone like myself has no idea it is a school zone and I on the few occasions always thought it was part of the church property. Having city traffic lights every block and cross walks and also need mention the multiple areas for exits for delivery drivers.

Not to mention the cross walks , all of which contribute to the cluster and congestion that needs a much better approach to resolve the problem.

I did receive a speeding ticket and although it wasn't involving excessive speed it still brought an awareness to a problem area that needs change.

Removing of the hazards is important to prevent problems moving forward.

I suggest we look at removing trees and updating the landscaping is a fresh start, then proceed by spacing the traffic lights putting up proper cross walk lights and areas.

School signs should be posted well in advance as far back as the Dairy Queen or further identifying schools.

To the driver who doesn't travel that route often will think school as in Polytechnic or Kelsey . But again unfair to the driver is yet a second school which it's signage is basically right across from the school. That is truly unfair to anyone driving that route. Going East to West that school signage is up on an old light post at the corner of the school. Again I fair to the motorists.

This is a very old area and as I travelled throughout the city taking pictures in school zones on that Sunday while church was in progress the traffic was busy as you will see from my photos.

Other school zones were posted much further back from the schools and signage was visible. Also I stayed within the realm of older to schools to get an accurate account of the problems that I am addressing in the above arrear mentioned.

I wish to address Council and work with the proper people and department to correct an much needed change to an old area that needs upgrades. Upgrades should accommodate safety of pedestrians and motorists and all times and to provide a change and prevent any further traffic or safety hazards is something I wish City Council take the time to review and change this area .

Respectfully  
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I have recently had a mishap that has brought an immediate concern to people in the area of 33 rd Street and Idylwyld Avenue.

Being that it is not a route I often have travelled I was in the busy area.

Polytechnic, Tim Horton's, drug store ,bar and church and yet another school that is tucked into the parking lot of the church.

Multiple signs trees , power posts and walkways plus city lights every block for three blocks .

Signage is out of eye site leaving the signs not visible and also with multiple lights you are so focused on the lights and surrounding areas being people and traffic safe, as I always am being a class 1A licensed driver.

This congested area needs some serious re-formatting to allow the public safety issues to be of the first and foremost importance.

This corner and streets are with several driveways and trucks turning in and out within a two block radius.

Signs are needed but at eye level and better set ups to provide care and safety of all motorists and people in the walking areas.

Having several street lights and signs cause more hazards as the eyes are focused on what is going on directly in front of you not up in the trees and on posts .

The school has no school zone marked until u are right in the school zone.

I have researched school zone areas and found the signs clear to view and set back from the school and cross walks .

This area needs immediate improvements for the safety and awareness of all concerned, I can't understand why the city posts signs at random and did not pay attention to the cluster of signage and lights rather than format a proper format to take the cluster out making it a safe structure that allows motorists awareness to provide the much needed safe driving in that three block radius.

Summer provides more hazards with leaves on the trees adding more obstruction to the view of signs , the first sign going west to east is a camera sign rather than a school sign , when at the lights going east the signs are posted above eye level.

That intersection is massive congestion people ,cars, trucks ,bikes and businesses. The city needs to update its changes as soon as possible for the safety and awareness of all people and not just allow it to be a ticket writing area .

I have always thought the few times I have driven that area that there was a church there now knowing it to be a school and being a grandmother and great grandmother I will honour the school zone speed although I disagree that it be posted from the start of the school hard to the end of the school zone , it has no proper signage to slow the motorists down prior to that school yard.

I will continue to engage in talking to the city and if need be take this matter before the city council to insure the necessary safety concerns I have .

Respectfully  
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I don't believe I should be penalized with a speeding ticket I was under the impression it's was a 50 k zone as the signage for that is posted clearly and visible to motorists.

I feel the focus should not be on writing tickets it should be on the safety of all who travel that route and especially to those who seldom travel that way.

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