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To Cynthia Block:

My name is Marjorie Konecsni and I am a resident of the Haultain area.

I live at the corner of the 900 block of First Street and the 1800 block of Albert Avenue.

We have lived in our home since 1975. The area was quiet with WWW Ashley Park and paddling pool, Lathey Swimming Pool, J. S. Wood Library and Aden Bowman Collegiate across the street.

In the past 5 years, the temper of the area has changed and not in a very good way. Albert Avenue from Taylor Street to 8th Street has become a hangout for teens, a race track for drivers and a garbage dump for litterers. Several residents have spent time contacting Aden Bowman Collegiate and the Saskatoon City Police when events appear to be getting out of hand. If the Police are available, they will respond often arriving after the behaviour has dissipated. At times, school staff has made a presence at noon. The residents are frustrated.

In March 2019, I contacted the Traffic Calming Department to see what paths were available for the residents in addressing the problems of drivers driving with undo care and attention, speeding, doing 360s at the corners of Albert Avenue and 1st and 2nd Streets, pulling U-turns in the middle of the street in front of oncoming traffic, short cutting down side streets to eliminate the traffic lights at Clarence Avenue and Taylor Street, parking 2, 3 and 4 vehicles across the 1700 and 1800 blocks of Albert Avenue causing traffic to be stalled. Events have not improved over the past 5 years...in fact the speeding, traffic and disrespect has only increased. Now, with the construction of the WWW Ashley Dry Storm Pond and the detouring of traffic off Taylor to down Albert Avenue and 2nd Street, the traffic has increased substantially. The driving with undo care and attention is worse.

Many parents with young children use the Designated Accessible Playground in WWW Ashley Park. Because of High School parking, the parents have reason to park opposite the park and down the side streets off of the 1700 and 1800 blocks of Albert Avenue. There are NO traffic calming devices in place to allow for safe crossing to the park. The high school drivers continue to race, speed and swerve down Albert Avenue. It has become a race zone...often with 2 cars abreast and often through the School Zone marked in the 1800 block of Albert and through the School Zone at the Ecole canadienne-francaise de Saskatoon between 3rd and 5th Streets. There are 3 Day Care facilities that often attend at WWW Ashley Park and 2 of them must cross Albert Avenue to reach the park: 1 at 903 2nd Street and 1 located at the French school at 5th Street.

On October 24, 2020, the racing, horsing around and driving with undo care and attention ended in a new driver losing control of her vehicle and slamming into the house at 902 2nd Street. The whole incident was caught on a home security system. On April 26, 2021 another new driver driving too fast rounded the corner of Albert Avenue and 1st Street and collided with a parked truck at 902 1st Street. Both incidents had witnesses and the Saskatoon Police Service was called and attended to the incidents.

In each of these incidents, pedestrians were in the vicinity and could easily have been involved in the accidents.

In the area, Traffic Calming can be seen on Lansdowne Avenue, Dufferin Avenue (at one time called the Dufferin Race Track), Wilson Crescent behind John Lake School, Eastlake Avenue adjacent to Weaver Park between Ruth and Hilliard Streets and Glasgow Avenue at a park zone. What the residents in the Haultain area living near Albert Avenue request is Traffic Calming between Taylor Street and 8th Street. This situation of speeding traffic at all hours of the day and night, unfortunately, will eventually end in accidents involving the health and welfare of other drivers, passengers, pedestrians...both adult and children. We are very concerned.

I have included the responses from the Traffic Calming Department. The report stated the area in question was not eligible because the numbers counting traffic did not reach 1000 per day. Please note that the student traffic from the high school was not counted as they apparently had a destination to travel to. Also, the operating speeds were measured to be on average 45kph although the device was located in the 30kph school zone.

Please reconsider our request for Traffic Calming on Albert Avenue between Taylor Street and 8th Street: possibly pylons and crosswalks to slow the traffic at the playground and the French school, stop signs on Albert Avenue at 2nd and 5th Streets. Yield signage does not slow the traffic at all. The racing vehicles disregard the signage and speed through. On occasion, speed traps have caught the drivers but not enough to deter the activity.

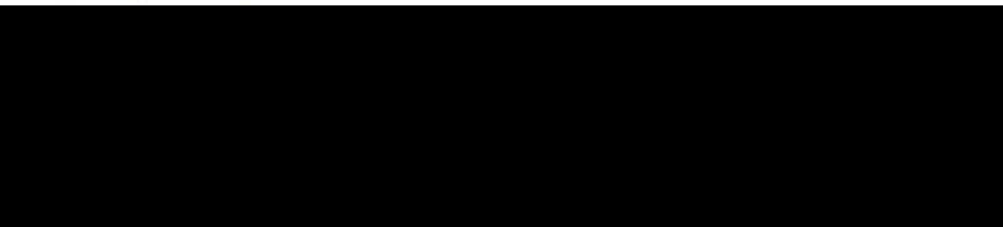
Note: WW Ashley Park is also home to a small, but active skateboard area. We have not experienced any negative activity from this facility.

In speaking to members of the Police Service, I have been advised to contact my city councillor. So that is what I am doing.

Thank you for reading my letter. I hope by contacting you, some things will be done to address the area concerns.

Marjorie Konecsni

Bruno Konecsni



RE: Traffic Calming Process

Inbox

Baudais, Nathalie <Nathalie.Baudais@saskatoon.ca>

to me

Hello Marjorie,

I received your traffic calming petition today. I will request the required traffic data and be in touch once it has

Regards,
Nathalie

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From: Baudais, Nathalie
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2019 11:33 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Traffic Calming Process

Hello Marjorie,

Thanks for speaking with me about your concerns for pedestrian safety near WW Ashley Park. As discussed, I have attached an application form and example petition sheet that you can use to submit your request.

Based on the concern that you raised, we have defined the study area as (map shown below):

- Albert Avenue between Taylor Street and 3rd Avenue (including the properties at the corner of 3rd Avenue)
- 1st Street between Albert Avenue and Clarence Avenue
- 2nd Street between Lansdowne Avenue and Clarence Avenue

There are 46 properties in the study area so the petition will need 12 signatures. Once we receive a petition, we

If traffic calming devices are warranted, we will work with those in the study area to develop the appropriate traffic

- 85th percentile speed \geq 5 km/h over the posted speed limit;
- >1,000 vehicles per day; or
- \geq 20% non-local traffic (Aden Bowman Collegiate traffic would be considered local since they are destined for the school)

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,
Nathalie

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Marjorie Konecsni [REDACTED] >
to Nathalie

Hello Nathalie...

Since our first conversation regarding traffic concerns in the 1700 and 1800 blocks of Albert Avenue, area, there has been an open house regarding some proposed changes to WWW Ashley Park, Ader Lots appear to be on the books.

However, the two blocks in questions remain a very high traffic zone. Short cutting to avoid the traffic the high school.

Student parking and traffic remained a problem all during the school year. Residents kept up constant community traffic, cars racing from Taylor Street to 3rd Street down Albert, spinouts and 'donuts' in the street. Enforcement were contacted on an ongoing basis by a variety of concerned citizens of the community. There is a daycare at 903 2nd Street and these youngsters with their care givers have a difficult time dealing with the inconsiderate drivers and the parents who attend the park with their children find it difficult to cross the street. Now that school is out for July and August, one would assume the traffic would quiet. No...about 10-15 cars, music, tossing garbage, parking two, three and four abreast across Albert, racing and dodging one another. Caught. The group has now resorted to some graffiti on surrounding buildings. Buckets of garbage in the street. The community has been told by police services that unless the people congregating are breaking the law and sell drugs, drink booze and create havoc.

What else can we as a community of concerned parents and grandparents do??

Thank you for listening....

Marjorie Konecsni

Baudais, Nathalie <Nathalie.Baudais@saskatoon.ca>

to me

Hello Marjorie,

Thanks for touching base. Responses to your various concerns are outlined below.

Speeding

We have completed the data collection for your request traffic calming for Albert Avenue between Taylor Street and 3rd

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- >1,000 vehicles per day; or
- \geq 20% non-local traffic (Aden Bowman Collegiate traffic would be considered local since they are destined for the

The 85th percentile operating speeds were measured to be 45 kph. The average daily traffic was approximately 800 vehicles

Student Parking

As part of the stormwater pond project, the Aden Bowman Collegiate tennis courts will be converted to a student parking lot. The use of Taylor Avenue is not being pursued.

For illegal parking issues, please contact parking enforcement at 306-975-8344.

Pedestrian Crossing

Pedestrian devices are installed according to [Council Policy C07-018 Traffic Control at Pedestrian Crossings](#). According to

Illegal Activity

I encourage you to continue working with the Saskatoon Police Services to assess potential solutions to curb these behaviours. Infractions such as speeding and racing. The Community Liaison Officer and/or School Resource Officer may be good resources.

Nuisance Activities

I understand that you are reaching out to the school administration in an attempt to address some of the inappropriate behaviours. It is important to work with the student body rather than the administration.

Wishing you a happy summer holiday,

Nathalie

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From: Marjorie Konecsni <[REDACTED]>
Date: 08/15/2019 11:41
To: bruno konecsni <[REDACTED]>

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From: **Baudais, Nathalie** <Nathalie.Baudais@saskatoon.ca>
Date: [Thu, Jul 18, 2019](#) at 5:04 PM
Subject: RE: Traffic Calming Process
To: Marjorie Konecsni <[REDACTED]>

Hello Marjorie,

Thanks for touching base. Responses to your various concerns are outlined below.

Speeding

We have completed the data collection for your request traffic calming for Albert Avenue between Taylor Street and 3rd Street East. As discussed, one of the following criteria needs to be met for traffic calming to be warranted on a local road:

- 85th percentile speed \geq 5 km/h over the posted speed limit;
- $>1,000$ vehicles per day; or
- $\geq 20\%$ non-local traffic (Aden Bowman Collegiate traffic would be considered local since they are destined for this area).

The 85th percentile operating speeds were measured to be 45 kph. The average daily traffic was approximately 800 vehicles per day. Based on these results, Albert Avenue is not eligible for traffic calming measures according to [Council Policy C07-029 Traffic Calming Policy](#).

Student Parking

As part of the stormwater pond project, the Aden Bowman Collegiate tennis courts will be converted to a student parking lot (with a minimum of 25 parking stalls). Since parking for the sports field is being addressed on the school site, the angle parking option for Albert Avenue is not being pursued.

For illegal parking issues, please contact parking enforcement at 306-975-8344.

Pedestrian Crossing

Pedestrian devices are installed according to [Council Policy C07-018 Traffic Control at Pedestrian Crossings](#). According to the policy, an unmarked crosswalk is appropriate for streets with traffic volumes <1,500 vehicles per day.

Illegal Activity

I encourage you to continue working with the Saskatoon Police Services to assess potential solutions to curb these behaviours. I am not sure which units you are speaking with regarding the complaints. I suggest that you reach out to the traffic unit at 306-975-8068 for traffic infractions such as speeding and racing. The Community Liaison Officer and/or School Resource Officer may be good resources regarding your other concerns.

Nuisance Activities

I understand that you are reaching out to the school administration in an attempt to address some of the inappropriate student activities. May I suggest that you reach out to the student parent council to identify solutions for curbing these activities? They may have more sway with the student body than the administration.

Wishing you a happy summer holiday,

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From: Marjorie Konecsni [mailto:marjorie.konecsni@saskatoon.ca]

Sent: Thursday, July 04, 2019 2:10 PM

To: Baudais, Nathalie <Nathalie.Baudais@Saskatoon.ca>

Subject: Re: Traffic Calming Process

Hello Nathalie...

Since our first conversation regarding traffic concerns in the 1700 and 1800 blocks of Albert Avenue, we have seen a traffic counter located in the 1800 block of Albert, people have been seen observing the traffic and parking in the area, there has been an open house regarding some proposed changes to WWW Ashley Park, Aden Bowman Collegiate parking grounds and angle parking in the 1700 block of Albert Avenue.

Lots appear to be on the books.

However, the two blocks in questions remain a very high traffic zone. Short cutting to avoid the traffic lights at Taylor and Clarence causing a large traffic zone on 900 First Street an already narrow street due to student parking from the high school.

Student parking and traffic remained a problem all during the school year. Residents kept up constant phone calls to the school because of the double, triple and quadruple parking across Albert Avenue causing a blockage for community traffic, cars racing from Taylor Street to 3rd Street down Albert, spinouts and 'donuts' in the intersections at 1st and 2nd Streets. The school administration appeared concerned but nothing was done. Police and Parking Enforcement were contacted on an ongoing basis by a variety of concerned citizens of the community.

There is a daycare at [REDACTED] 2nd Street and these youngsters with their care givers have a difficult time crossing to the park; the students from Ecole Canadienne Francaise spend some time in WWW Ashley Park and have to dodge the inconsiderate drivers and the parents who attend the park with their children find it difficult to cross Albert with the student traffic.

Now that school is out for July and August, one would assume the traffic would quiet. No...about 10-15 vehicles congregate each evening starting about 9pm to party on the street...screaming, yelling, honking horns, playing loud music, tossing garbage, parking two, three and four abreast across Albert, racing and dodging one another's cars and people. Again, police services have been contacted and several times the people and cars scatter to avoid being caught. The group has now resorted to some graffiti on surrounding buildings. Buckets of garbage have to be collected every morning.

The community has been told by police services that unless the people congregating are breaking the law, they can only be watched and not interfered with....Albert Avenue remains a speeding zone, a party zone, a place to share and sell drugs, drink booze and create havoc.

What else can we as a community of concerned parents and grandparents do??

Thank you for listening....

Marjorie Konecsni

On [Thu, Apr 11, 2019](#) at 4:57 PM Baudais, Nathalie <Nathalie.Baudais@saskatoon.ca> wrote:

Hello Marjorie,

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Regards,

Nathalie

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Sent: [Thursday, March 21, 2019 11:33 AM](#)

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Traffic Calming Process

Hello Marjorie,

Thanks for speaking with me about your concerns for pedestrian safety near WW Ashley Park. As discussed, Albert Avenue may be eligible for traffic calming through the new [Traffic Calming Policy](#). We are still finalizing the materials but I have attached an application form and example petition sheet that you can use to submit your request.

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Regards,

Nathalie

Ongoing concerns

Inbox

Marjorie Konecsni [REDACTED] >

to Nathalie

Hello Nathalie....

Contact was made to your department in March of 2019 concerning traffic/speeding in the 1700 and The concerns still remain.

On Friday, October 23rd, 2020 the racing finally ended in 911 being called.

Again, teens had gathered in the two blocks of Alberta already mentioned. One car in question was reached at least 75km/hour) back towards 2nd Street....but before the driver had reached Albert and and crash into the house at 902 2nd Street. The driver stated to the home owners that she had just totalled and there is damage to the house.

The concerns have continued since first reported to you in 2019. Speeding, Racing, Irresponsible dr Other streets in the area have traffic controls: Dufferin Ave, Lansdowne Ave, Eastlake Ave between Please revisit our original letters and petition.

If there are other procedures to follow please let the community know of what we can do next.

We are in great need of some traffic calming devices.

Marjorie Konecsni

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**Marjorie
Konecsni**

Nathalie... In regards to my earlier email about Albert Avenue issues....the incident was all recorded

Baudais, Nathalie <Nathalie.Baudais@saskatoon.ca>

to me

Hello Marjorie,

I forwarded your concerns over to the Saskatoon Police Service for them to consider for enforcement.

As mentioned to you in an earlier message, we are undertaking a speed limit review for residential streets, :

- Posted speed limits on residential streets, including lowering the posted speed limit to 30 kph
- Removing reduced speed limits for high schools
- Potentially reducing speed limits in playground zones
- The potential for establishing senior zones.

We will be conducting engagement on the speed limit reductions in the next few of months.

Regards,
Nathalie

From: Marjorie Konecsni <[REDACTED]@[REDACTED].com>
Sent: October 29, 2020 1:08 PM
To: Baudais, Nathalie <Nathalie.Baudais@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Re: Ongoing concerns

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