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North Vancouver, BC

**Re: NORTH DOLLARTON HIGHWAY - SPEEDING AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY
CONCERNS**

Further to your recent letter to Norm Nikkel of the Engineering Department, regarding your concerns of speeding, restricted driver visibility, and pedestrian safety in the newly resurfaced 700/800 blocks of North Dollarton Highway, our review is now complete.

The speed limit on all Arterial, Collector, and Local roads in the District is 50km/h under ideal road, weather, and traffic conditions unless otherwise posted. This is consistent with other speed limits in other Cities and Municipalities throughout the Province of BC.

This section of Dollarton Highway experiences relatively low volumes, and most of the vehicle traffic on this street is local. Most drivers are familiar with conditions and this is typical of many of the streets in our Municipality. The District's policy regarding concerns about periodic speeding, is to bring these concerns to the attention of the RCMP, who then check these concerns during certain times of the day.

Drivers also have a duty to exercise due care when traveling through residential areas. They must adjust their speed according to certain conditions on the street which include, for example, the presence of a horizontal or vertical curve or restricted visibility.

By copy of this letter to our Streets Department, I am bringing to their attention your concerns of restricted driver visibility at driveway entrances, and request that District crews initiate the required trimming.

Regarding your request for speed bumps, District Council Policy 3-11 states that "**speed bumps shall not be installed on streets or lanes as a method of speed control**". There are numerous reasons for this policy including:

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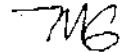
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- Concern about public liability to the Municipality should an accident occur after a driver strikes a speed bump, loses control and drives off the roadway or into another vehicle
 - Associated noise and vibration generated when vehicles regularly strike the speed bumps
 - The difficulty in designing speed bumps that would be suitable to handle the large mix and variety of vehicles on the street

In view of the foregoing, we cannot approve your request for speed bumps.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to our attention, and please feel free to contact the North Vancouver RCMP at 983-7410, to request speed enforcement of your area.

Yours truly,



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