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**Subject:** FW: Pedestrian safety on Head St at Dunsmuir Rd

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Dear Major Desjardins and Esquimalt Council members,

I am writing to express concern about the safety of pedestrians, particularly young children, who use the two crosswalks at the bottom of Head Street at Dunsmuir Rd.

As a 900-block Dunsmuir resident and a parent, I am alarmed at the number of close calls I witness each week at this intersection as children make their way to McCaulay school or Ecole Victor Brodeur. As you know, vehicle traffic on Head St has increased in recent years and will continue to do so as development in West Bay intensifies. Truck traffic is especially heavy, and when cars are parked on Head St near Dunsmuir, it can be very difficult for drivers coming down the hill to see that a pedestrian is about to step out into the crosswalk. A child is virtually invisible to them until the child has started to walk across the road.

I urgently ask that Esquimalt council consider adding **pedestrian-controlled flashing lights** to both these crosswalks. There are good examples of these on Head Street in front of Victor-Brodeur School, and also near Esquimalt High School on Lampson at Colville. Flashing lights would provide an additional visual cue for drivers who come from both directions, particularly in the fall and winter when visibility is reduced at the time of day that most children are using the crosswalks (i.e. before and after school). Please do not wait for a serious accident to occur before taking action.

Thank you for the work you all do and for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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