

Deborah Liske

Subject: FW: Speeding & Inappropriate Traffic on Old Esquimalt Rd

From: Barb Desjardins <Barbara.Desjardins@esquimalt.ca>
Sent: September-24-21 1:38 PM
To: Laurie Hurst <laurie.hurst@esquimalt.ca>
Subject: Fwd: Speeding & Inappropriate Traffic on Old Esquimalt Rd

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Hi Laurie

I would like to leave this with staff but also wonder if council would like to review this concern and have further options come forward. I realize that we should add it to an agenda to get this from council but I would like to wait for staff to work their magic first . Can we be copied on staff response to Mr Cond?

Thanks

Barbara Desjardins, (She/Her)

Mayor, Township of Esquimalt
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From: Tony Cond <[REDACTED]>
Date: September 24, 2021 at 1:16:42 PM PDT
To: Tony Cond <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Barb Desjardins <barbara.desjardins@esquimalt.ca>, Sandy / Joe [REDACTED], Muriel Dunn [REDACTED], J ZETTLER [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Speeding & Inappropriate Traffic on Old Esquimalt Rd

Good day Barb,

This note is to follow up the email that I sent to "Mayor and Council" on 08 June to offer my deep and long-standing concerns (11 years now) for the **larger and heavier commercial traffic** and the **excessive speed** in the 1100 block of Old Esquimalt Road. Joe Rozon and I met with you at my residence on 15 September to discuss the current situation, wherein we described a serious degradation in the amount of heavy industrial-type trucks and the excessive speed. You enquired at that meeting as to whether the Township of Esquimalt staff had ever responded to my 08 June 2021 email and I replied that one or two of the councillors and you (the mayor) had acknowledged it, but **the staff (particularly the Engineering Dept) had not replied or acknowledged having even received it.**

This note, therefore, is to respectfully try to raise the issue to the point that the Engineering Dept will:

- a) acknowledge receipt of the 08 June, and this string of emails;
- b) reply in a professional manner as to how I (and any concerned neighbours) can provide input to a real solution, and;
- c) allow some really useful dialogue and input from the community into the solution before it is decided and implemented to ensure community satisfaction.

As mentioned above, my neighbours and I have been trying to address these issues for many years, but have only succeeded partially several years ago when seven speed pads were installed along Old Esquimalt Road. These have had a very good trial now but have proven to be totally ineffective. Heavy commercial traffic has increased significantly to the point that the once tranquil community is now

inundated with speed, noise and rumbling of heavy diesel trucks with loads that are not associated with a residential neighbourhood.

We respectfully request some “ears to our problem and a real, workable solution” to end all this absolute, unacceptable and dangerous nonsense once and for all.

This email and its request has the support of my local neighbours with whom I have consulted recently.

Respectfully,

Tony Cond
1158 Old Esquimalt Road
Victoria, BC V9A 4X6

On Jun 18, 2021, at 8:48 PM, Tony Cond <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi Barb,

I very much appreciate your meeting with Joe Rozon and I on the morning of 15 June to discuss the speeding, the safety and the high danger usage by inappropriate vehicles on Old Esquimalt Road in what ought to be considered a low key, well-established, family-oriented and historical residential area.

I looked for the map you mentioned in your e-mail below, but could not find it amongst the images you attached.

Just while the three of us were sitting on my front lawn that day, several cars sped by close at approximately double the posted speed limit, and a huge transport truck raced by..... all offending vehicles merely “dancing over and straddling the very ineffective, wimpy speed cushions as if they weren’t even there! You witnessed this and agreed that it was inappropriate for the street.

In the past two days since our meeting, I have subsequently observed a Chew Construction low-bed truck with an enormous power excavator onboard, a Sysco food delivery transport truck and cab, and another very long flatbed transport truck. These, in addition to numerous family vehicles driven by aggressive, impatient drivers who whisked between parked cars and the traffic speed sign that the township has kindly placed near my house to advise westbound vehicles of their speed.... it isn’t working!

I take GREAT EXCEPTION to the allocation of Old Esquimalt Road as a “collector road”. This must have been decided without public input several years ago.... or certainly without my knowledge, because I would have been a very conscientious objector. The fact that council could create such a monstrously inappropriate usage, without public consultation, of a quiet neighbourhood where:

- a) mothers and fathers frequently walk their toddlers and babies in strollers;
- b) people from all over the area walk their dogs (often off-lead);
- c) dozens of children at toddler age with their monitor-adult teachers from the Lampson Street Day Care regularly walk the entire length of the street to play at the Park Terrace playground, and;

d) the hilly, curved nature of the road with blind driveways, weird shadows, blinding sunlight which create all sorts of hazards and potentially dangerous situations for pedestrians, drivers, deer and dogs....

.... is **absolutely astounding and totally UNACCEPTABLE**.

This "collector road" status is clearly wrong for this neighbourhood.

I would like to take this discussion further with the intention of:

- a) reallocating Old Esquimalt Road to a purely residential status (ie removing the "collector road designation);
- b) re-establishing the quiet nature of a tranquil community street;
- c) eliminating the heavy vehicular truck traffic to a residential-only level....such as 5 ton delivery vehicles, and;
- d) re-building the current ineffective speed cushions to continuous speed humps (from one curb to the other without interruption) with a configuration similar to those on Grenville Street.

Your guidance and assistance as to how best to go forward is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,
Tony Cond, PEng
1158 Old Esquimalt Road
[REDACTED]

On Jun 16, 2021, at 12:18 PM, Barb Desjardins
<Barbara.Desjardins@esquimalt.ca> wrote:

Here is my words to go with the map. Not sure why you didn't get this part

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

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From: Barb Desjardins

<Barbara.Desjardins@esquimalt.ca>

Date: June 16, 2021 at 11:01:02 AM PDT

To: Tony Cond <[REDACTED]>

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Speeding & Inappropriate Traffic on Old Esquimalt Rd

Tony and Joe: Thanks for meeting with me. I have followed up in a couple of directions.

One is that I would draw your attention to the Active Transportation strategy work that is ongoing. On our website is what we have heard from the public so far and there will be another option for the public to provide input in the summer. There are findings that have clear corroboration with your concerns around safety and speed as well as can be built on for your input.

I also found out that Old Esquimalt Rd is a collector Rd as per our OCP. The streets and traffic Bylaw that restricts truck traffic on certain roads based on weight does not include Old Esquimalt Rd. Here is the map of where things are restricted now.

Sent from my iPad

On Jun 8, 2021, at 7:17 PM, Tony Cond
> wrote:

Hi Barb,

Thank you. I appreciate your interest and look forward to meeting with anyone and anybody about this serious matter.

Cheers,
Tony

On Jun 8, 2021, at 7:07 PM, Barb Desjardins
<Barbara.Desjardins@esquimalt.ca> wrote:

Tony:
I am forwarding your email to staff for possible options and action. I will also send it to Vicpd, Inspector Brown for his input. I am happy to meet or chat with you as well.

Barbara Desjardins, (She/Her)
Mayor, Township of Esquimalt

Alicia Ferguson

To: Barb Desjardins
Subject: RE: Speeding & Inappropriate Traffic on Old Esquimalt Rd

From: Tony Cond
Date: June 8, 2021 at 5:08:18 PM PDT
Subject: Speeding & Inappropriate Traffic on Old Esquimalt Rd

Good afternoon, Madam Mayor and Council,

For many years several neighbours and I have observed and put up with speeding vehicles on Old Esquimalt Road. Back in 2010, a survey was done which indicated **97.8%** of the homeowners on this street between Park Terrace and Dominion Street agreed that speed was a distinct problem. This problem, and a very good solution were presented to council: a speed hump that would stretch from one side of the road to the other... no spaces was our solution. After some time, Council agreed to take action (thank you) and several sets of speed PADSs were installed. Years have gone by and traffic has changed for the worse: it's faster, there's more of it, and the vehicular types have changed. The speed pads that were installed have had **NO EFFECT in controlling the speed**. Everybody quickly figured out that high speed can be easily maintained if you **straddle the pads!!!**

I think it might be time to review this situation again. I say that with a hopeful tone that should inspire sympathy for our neighbours who are trying to live in a "quiet residential upscale community" but who now, for the last 10 years, have put up with / endured the following serious traffic issues:

- a) much **faster traffic** including people rushing to get their kids to school and then rush to work; motorcycles, bully-type large SUVs trying to prove they're the "king of the road", and very large commercial trucks. These vehicles are travelling well over the posted 30 km per hour limit. Police acknowledged back in 2010 that 60 kph was observed.....but now it's a common occurrence (every few minutes there's a speeder doing about 50-60 kph on a curvy, hilly narrow street with parking both sides and little children, parents with baby carriages, deer, dogs, weird shadows, blind driveways and skateboarders);
- b) **commercial trucks** such as the one I observed yesterday, 7 June 2021 going westbound. It was moving slowly but it was a double trailered unit carrying heavy equipment. I believe this type of unit is called a "B-train" which would typically have dual tandem axles comprising 38 wheels for the entire unit !! The driver said he had "delivered a load and couldn't turn around anywhere" !! Why is this happening, I ask myself? Why are such huge commercial trucks allowed on our "quiet residential street"? They're super dangerous, difficult to manoeuvre and totally inappropriate for a residential neighbourhood. Other days, we have immense cement trucks, commercial delivery trucks and freightliners driving on our "quiet residential street" !! This is not a "one-off" circumstance that can be ignored. It happens frequently, and;
- c) very **loud "show-off" vehicles** such as motorcycles and "bully-SUVs" that try to prove they own the road. There ought to be a noise bylaw and some means of curtailing such noise and obnoxious behaviour.

I would invite councillors to contact me for more information and a discussion to find a way to deal with all these issues, please.

Thank you for listening.

Tony Cond, PEng
1158 Old Esquimalt Road