



Central Saanich Community Association

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April 21, 2024

Mayor Ryan Windsor and Council
Corporation of the District of Central Saanich
1903 Mount Newton Cross Road
Saanichton, BC V8M 2A9

Dear Mayor Windsor and Council:

Subject: Recommendation for Implementing Traffic Calming Measures in Central Saanich

Over the years, the municipality has received numerous letters from residents raising concerns about speeding within our community.

Recent studies, such as the Capital Regional District's [Active and Safe Routes to School Final Report 2018](#),¹ have identified major issues related to high speeds, limited visibility, and inadequate pedestrian infrastructure.

Furthermore, at the February 26th, 2024, council meeting members of the Central Saanich Community Association (CSCA) submitted two letters of concern from neighborhood groups regarding the portion of Wallace Drive south of Brentwood Village.

To address these issues, the Central Saanich Community Association strongly urges Central Saanich to adopt a traffic calming policy similar to the one recently implemented in Langford.

This article from The Westshore: [Slower, safer roads coming to Langford](#)² provides some key takeaways from the Langford Traffic calming policy. The traffic calming policy in full can be found here: [City of Langford Traffic Calming Policy](#).³

The Langford policy is advantageous as it establishes specific criteria and measures for managing traffic calming issues in accordance with the Transportation Association of Canada (TAC) and the Canadian Guide to Traffic Calming. Key criteria include the proximity to schools, lack of sidewalks or pedestrian separation, and traffic speeds exceeding the posted limit by 10 km/h.

Due to recent shifts in provincial housing policies that will result in increased population density, now is an ideal time to implement a similar traffic calming policy in Central Saanich.

¹ https://www.crd.bc.ca/docs/default-source/regional-planning-pdf/transportation/active-transportation/activesaferoutestoschool-finalreport-web.pdf?sfvrsn=2abecca_2

² <https://www.thewestshore.ca/p/langford-traffic-calming-policy-safer-roads>

³ <https://pub-langford.escibemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=8154>

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Considering the recent specific concerns expressed by residents through the community association, we recommend the section of Wallace Drive near Brentwood Elementary and Bayside Middle School be considered for a pilot for additional traffic calming measures.

We strongly encourage the municipality to give serious consideration to this request to move forward on these important steps to ensure the the safety and well-being of our residents.

We look forward to your positive response and the Association stands ready to assist however we can.

Sincerely

David Willows

President

On behalf of the members of the Central Saanich Community Association