

## Pamela Martin

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**From:** Municipal Hall  
**Subject:** FW: Mayor & Council email form submission from centralsaanich.ca

Hi Jeremy,

Thank you for your message to the Mayor and Council. We hear your concerns and your email will be included on the regular Council meeting agenda for the July 14, 2025 meeting.

We deeply value community events; our goal is to balance community benefits with due diligence. The District's permitting process and regulations have not changed for road races. Similar to other permitting processes, like for building, we require professional reliance sign-off. The District has been increasing emphasis on enforcing existing requirements over the last 2 years, especially where past events have inadequate traffic control personnel on the race day and required Central Saanich Police to step in address unsafe conditions.

This is in response to several important safety and operational concerns. In the past, some event applications were submitted with very short notice—sometimes just a day before the event—and often included outdated or Traffic Management Plans (TMPs) prepared by persons not qualified to generate TMPs. In many cases, volunteer marshals were used to guide race participants. We are trying to ensure that in accordance with the Motor Vehicle Act (MVA) and WorkSafeBC, TMPs include certified traffic control personnel in key areas, who have the authority to direct traffic.

This year, we are being more diligent in requiring:

- Certified TMPs that include proper risk assessments
- Early submission of permit applications, so we can work with organizers to ensure a safe and successful event
- Certified traffic control personnel where required

We believe these steps are necessary due to:

- Increased resident complaints about traffic disruptions
- Disruptions to BC Transit service
- Multiple instances where Central Saanich Police had to step in to manage traffic, taking away from their regular operations
- The need to protect the safety of everyone involved—participants, volunteers and the public

Staff have also been working with our neighbour, Saanich, to align our processes and have concurrence on this matter for improved coordination. As a future improvement, our staff are working with Saanich staff to share permitting for road events.

The tight sense of community is why we love this place, too, and we are committed to supporting organizers in hosting successful community events. Road races are complex and have significant impacts on traffic

and public safety. Our goal is to ensure these events are safe, well-managed and enjoyable for all. Thank you again for voicing your disappointment and concerns.

**Dale Puskas, P.Eng.**

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**Message**

Dear Mayor and Council,

It is with great disappointment I write to you regarding the recent and sudden TCP requirements that have lead to two major long standing community events to be cancelled.

I live in Central Saanich for the beautiful rural roads, yet a tight sense of community.

Events such as the 38-year Elk lake Tri and staple Victoria Cycling League Seabrook events foster sport, active lifestyles and community and play a vital role to inspire kids and youth.

I understand safety is of utmost importance when it comes racing, but implementing regulations beyond what our neighbours in North Saanich and Saanich suggest to be safe seem rash.

Increasing fees to already expensive community events make these types of events not feasible. It is a major loss to our community to be without local sporting events.

Please reconsider this implementation, and consider alternative requires with volunteers.

Especially considering councils recent push for development, it is more important than ever for council to advocate for community events to be hosted in Central Saanich for it to continue to be the community we love.

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