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Message

To Mayory & Council,

I am writing as both a Brentwood Bay resident who lives near and walks past the Brentwood Community Hall regularly and as someone who has taught classes there multiple times a week for more than 20 years.

I understand you're developing a plan to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety in the area and are considering removing parking along Wallace Drive in front of the hall. While I support safer streets, reducing parking in such a busy, activity-dense area without adding nearby alternatives will create other problems. Drivers will instead park in surrounding neighbourhoods and commercial lots, affecting residents and local businesses.

The Brentwood Hall serves many user groups, alongside Rom Knott Park, the library, and the senior centre—all of which host activities throughout the week. When several venues are in use at once, which often happens, parking is already scarce. For example, last Thursday evening there were dog classes in the lower hall, karate and badminton upstairs, baseball at Rom Knott, and programs at the library and senior centre. By 7:20 p.m., my clients couldn't find a parking spot, and this situation repeats regularly

on weeknights.

In a growing community like ours, parking demand will only increase. Instead of removing spaces, I suggest several improvements that would immediately enhance walkability and safety:

- 1) Add a sidewalk or chip trail along Wallace Drive where the grass currently sits in front of the ball diamonds. The area becomes muddy and impassable in winter and spring. A paved or chip path between the cement barriers and the chain-link fence would give pedestrians a safe route between Rom Knott and Sluggett, avoiding the bike lane and parked vehicles.
- 2) Install pedestrian-controlled lights at the Sluggett Road crosswalk to make crossings safer.
- 3) Add another pedestrian controlled crosswalk (or move the existing one that's close to Fairway's) to the exit of Rom Knott Park, where the sidewalk emerges between Brentwood Hall and the baseball diamond.
- 4) Create another sidewalk or chip trail on the west side of the baseball diamond, between the hedge and the fence. This area also becomes boggy and underused in wet seasons.

On a positive note, I appreciate how the new bike lane has improved walking past the hall. With vehicles kept out of the lane, pedestrians and cyclists have space to move safely past the parked vehicles which is what everyone wants.

Thank you for pausing this project to explore alternatives and for involving the Brentwood Hall in your discussions. I appreciate your attention to community input and would be happy to discuss these ideas further.

Please note: I do not wish for my name and address to be published in the council minutes.

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