

April 28, 2014

Chair and Members  
Civic Works Committee

**Re: Beaverbrook & Riverside – High Density Traffic Zone Safety Issue**

The high density neighbourhood bounded by Oxford, Beaverbrook and Riverside has grown steadily in the past few years, increasing traffic volumes. And for years, we have received complaints and have approached city staff about the difficulties of turning left and right from Beaverbrook Avenue onto Riverside Drive. The constant flow of traffic emerging quickly from both curves, especially during peak hours, makes it very challenging to turn left safely. It has been observed, that backed up traffic on Beaverbrook intending to turn left, become tired of waiting and revert to making U turns, which is dangerous for traffic turning right off Riverside. Not to mention the lack of walk signals for pedestrians who wish to cross Riverside safely, to access the trails on the opposite side. Pedestrians have been hit in the past, at this intersection.

We understand the physical challenges due to the cemetery on the northeast corner and the proximity of the quick, substantial land drop-off on the south side of Riverside. As a result of meetings with staff and constituents in 2010, staff advised us to await an update of the Transportation Master Plan, which would identify the status of Riverside Drive and its corresponding needs for expansion in the future.

Due to recent increased complaints, we respectfully request staff to consider this urgent matter once again in relation to the Transportation Master Plan and report back with updates, as to when this particular area would be considered for safety improvements and possible solutions for mitigation in the immediate to short term horizon.

Respectfully,



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Judy Bryant, Councillor Ward 13

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Paul Hubert, Councillor Ward 8