

From: WILLIAM OKE
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2014 1:02 PM
To: Kucera, Lauren
Subject: Re: Sharp Curve...North end of Proudfoot Ln.

Good day Lauren, if you read some of my emails that I have sent to different city staff and their replies to me about this problem of needing to protect pedestrians that walk on the sidewalk around this curve, I think it's obvious that this frustrated citizen needs help to connect to the right person that can do something. It's been a couple of years and many, many emails with no action by the city Engineering staff to correct this life threatening problem.

I thought maybe this could be passed on by you to the Civic Works Committee as a last resort. Maybe they would be more receptive and have an idea how to fix this problem before someone is killed at this curve...

Thanks for your reply.
Bill

From: WILLIAM OKE
To: Elmadhoon, Maged
Cc: City Manager ; Ridley, Mark Armistead, Robin
Sent: Sunday, October 19, 2014 1:58 PM
Subject: Re: Sharp Curve...North end of Proudfoot Ln.

Good morning All, thought you might be interested in my latest pictures of vehicles speeding through the dangerous curve at the north end of Proudfoot Ln. and driving over the sidewalk. I hope the city of London and their staff responsible for Transportation Planning & Design have good Lawyers because it's going to happen, sooner or later a pedestrian or two are going to be killed at that curve. Obviously all my pictures and warnings in the past does not mean a thing at City Hall because nothing has changed to slow down these idiot speeders that can't make it around that curve...

These pictures at the north end of Proudfoot happened sometime last Saturday. A driver speeding East on Beaverbrook Ave. did not make the curve onto Proudfoot Lane heading South. Thankfully the lady with her baby in the buggy or the senior with her walker or me walking my dog were not at that spot at that time.

Here is another picture of what happens when a vehicle speeding east on Beaverbrook does not even try to make the curve, the driver simply does what has happened before, drives through the 'keep out' warning cable and ends up in the field. I hope there is not a body of a walker in that field, maybe someone should check...

Over the past year I have sent many pictures of speeders Driving North on Proudfoot or Driving East on Beaverbrook and not making the curve and ending up with tire tracks over the sidewalks and back onto Beaverbrook Ave. heading west or Proudfoot Ln. heading south...
All my requests for, Stop Signs, Traffic Lights, and even, Extend the Barriers that are already there, have been ignored by city staff responsible for the safety of London's Citizens...

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From: Elmadhoon, Maged
Cc: Ridley, Mark ;
Sent: Friday, May 02, 2014 9:25 AM
Subject: Re: Sharp Curve...North end of Proudfoot Ln.

Bill,

The rule for a perfect transportation world is the 3Es; Engineering, Education, and Enforcement. There is nothing wrong with the road in question, not the design and not the high traffic volume. There is proper

signage that drivers should follow. The police will do enforcement when needed. People should slow down at the curve.

That being said, staff will schedule installing a PEEP sign to warn drivers of their speed.

Thank you and have a good weekend.

Maged

From: WILLIAM OKE
Sent: Friday, May 02, 2014 08:24 AM
To: Elmadhoon, Maged
Cc: Ridley, Mark;
Subject: Re: Sharp Curve...North end of Proudfoot Ln.

Good morning Maged, I just noticed the 'Slogan' of the Ontario Traffic Council on your email reply to me and I couldn't agree more...

"Being defeated is often a temporary condition. Giving up is what makes it permanent".

"A stop sign is not a standard at a curved road". Who sets this standard?

Would it be possible for you to identify only a couple of these 'similar conditions' at other locations in London that have as much traffic and a curve this 'SHARP'?

Thanks Maged, I'm sure your reply to this will be interesting and informative.

Bill

From: Elmadhoon, Maged
To: WILLIAM OKE
Cc: Ridley, Mark ;
Sent: Wednesday, April 30, 2014 3:38 PM
Subject: RE: Sharp Curve...North end of Proudfoot Ln.

Dear Bill,

Beaverbrook Ave and Proudfoot Lane streets are technically one road where they meet at the curve location until Beaverbrook Ave is extended easterly in the future. When Beaverbrook Ave is extended, it will create a T-intersection and Stop signs will be installed based on the guidelines. Having this in consideration, a "Stop" sign is not a standard at a curved road. The warning signs in place are adequate for this type of road pattern and there are numerous similar locations in London.

Thanks
Maged

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From: WILLIAM OKE
Sent: Tuesday, April 29, 2014 9:26 AM
To: Elmadhoon, Maged
Cc: Ridley, Mark;
Subject: Re: Sharp Curve...North end of Proudfoot Ln.

Good morning Maged, thought you might be interested in knowing that no one died as a result of another vehicle speeding through that dangerous curve at the north end of Proudfoot Ln. at Beaverbrook Ave. last night.

Could you please remind me again why a STOP sign at the curve on both Streets is more hazardous to pedestrians than a car speeding into the curve and running into a pedestrian because it didn't make the curve.

Please note: Pedestrians would not dare cross the road at this curve, it's the pedestrians walking around the east side of this curve that are risking their life...

See the tire tracks, missing the steel barrier, skidding into the sidewalk then backing out into the curve.

Is it possible that your staff could do another review and investigate this dangerous situation before some innocent walker/walkers die at this curve? (Maybe extend that steel barrier south on Proudfoot and west on Beaverbrook and move the entrance to that driveway at the curve to another safer location.)

Have a good day.

Bill

From: Elmadhoon, Maged
To: WILLIAM OKE
Cc: Ridley, Mark ; Richard Veerman
Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2013 11:30 AM
Subject: RE: Sharp Curve...North end of Proudfoot Ln.

Hi Bill,

Staff further reviewed and investigated the noted curve. We have also contacted the police if their records show high collision rate in the area and found that collisions are within normal as in other similar areas.

A work order has been issued to replace the missing "reduce speed warning sign" at the northbound approach ahead of the curve.

Thanks

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From: WILLIAM OKE
Sent: Saturday, November 02, 2013 8:42 AM
To: Elmadhoon, Maged
Cc: Ridley, Mark
Subject: Re: Sharp Curve...North end of Proudfoot Ln.

Hi Maged, I have not seen or had a reply about any solutions regarding my request for slowing down traffic north bound on Proudfoot Lane and east bound on Beaverbrook Ave. at that dangerous curve.

Would it be asking too much for you to give me a reason why a simple suggestion like a STOP SIGN on each street at the entrance to the curve is not feasible?

I know from past complaints to the City Engineering Department about the increased traffic on Beaverbrook that stop signs create a dangerous situation for pedestrians. This information was an email from Mark Ridley to me on Sept. 28, 2011 after my request for a 4 way stop at Beaverbrook Ave., Horizon Dr. and the entrance/exit at Angelo's and the new Drug Store/Health Clinic parking lot...

Thank you for bringing this dangerous situation to the attention of your staff.
Bill

----- Original Message -----

From: Elmadhoon, Maged
To: WILLIAM OKE
Cc: Ridley, Mark
Sent: Monday, October 28, 2013 4:10 PM
Subject: RE: Sharp Curve...North end of Proudfoot Ln.

Hi Bill,

Thanks for your email and for bringing this to our attention. Transportation staff will review the noted road and curve against the City's standards and undertake the mitigation measures accordingly.

Best regards

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From: WILLIAM OKE
Sent: Sunday, October 27, 2013 3:28 PM
To: Elmadhoon, Maged
Cc: Ridley, Mark
Subject: Sharp Curve...North end of Proudfoot Ln.

This curve needs a method (Traffic Calming) to reduce the speed of vehicles entering this curve at the north end of Proudfoot Ln....

Now I know why it took so long to construct a sidewalk around this dangerous curve. Two or Three times last week speeding vehicles or drunks did not make the curve and ended up close to the sidewalk. (see Attachments)

I understand that traffic calming 'speed bumps' are out of the question because it's a Bus route so I'll leave it up to city engineering to come up with a method to slow down these dangerous drivers.

Maybe extending the steel barriers (just replaced from past accidents) would give some added protection to pedestrian's who walk on this new sidewalk every day.

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