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Subject: FW: Letter of Concern Re: FJNey Bus route and Hammond Bay Traffic
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Hello,

I heard this morning about possible changes to school bus routes in north Nanaimo and this email address was given. I hope I have directed this letter of concern to the correct inbox. Please inform me if there is a better destination to express these concerns.

After some consideration, I decided I should write to express my concern about traffic congestion on and along Hammond Bay Rd as it relates to SD68 decisions around bussing and utilizing Rutherford school during seismic upgrades at Pleasant Valley. As a parent to two students at Dover Bay Secondary I participate in the parade of vehicles dropping their kids off and see on a daily basis the congestion of vehicles heading to the three schools along Hammond Bay Rd

Currently, the traffic on Hammond Bay Road between Malaspina Rd and Turner Road in the morning between 8:15 and 8:35 is crazy busy. Traffic already lines up several cars deep on the feeder streets waiting for a gap. While this could be considered a City planning issue, I would expect these issues could be exasperated by SD68 decisions related to schools along Hammond Bay Rd. There are no controlled left turns onto Hammond Bay east of Uplands Rd. Everyone is at the mercy of holes in the flow of traffic. These end up being few and far between during this time period. I am concerned how this will change as natural consequences of any SD68 decision.

Given that having a bus route to Frank J Ney eliminates the need for some parents to drive their child(ren), keeping it in service benefits a wider school community.

Given that Pleasant Valley students are reportedly going to attending Rutherford school for a period of time during upgrades to their school, even more traffic on Hammond Bay Rd seems unavoidable.

So while ideally, the City would take measures to streamline traffic movement in the area to increase the safety of all community members, I would argue that the School District can also make a difference through their decisions and I would urge those making these decisions take the whole community into account. Using busses is a great solution to decrease traffic. Working with the City to install better turning lanes, light signals, or even a few strategic three/four way stop signs could be another one.

Thank you for your time and consideration, as well as for all that you do to for the school communities,
Kristal Atkinson

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