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Delegation information

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Executive Policy Committee

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Speed reduction on Wellington Crescent

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

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Comments
As a resident and frequent user of Wellington Crescent and a physician dealing with trauma i fully support the speed reduction on Wellington Crescent all year and now also including the stretch from River avenue.

As a resident and frequent user i have observed many close calls and have myself been a victim of wreckless behaviour and high speed on Wellington Crescent including close passing of kids on bikes, accidents involving pedestrians and cyclists. I observe on a daily basis how the high speed on that street causes harm and thread for individuals using active transportation.
Cars are using the street like an inner city highway and the recent fatal accident with a driver going over 120 km per hour is just the tip of the iceberg.
I regularly observe high speeding and illegal overtaking into the upcoming traffic and it is just a matter of time until we see another fatal incident or individuals being substantially injured.
The only way to overcome this problem is to reduce the speed to 30 and to introduce speed reductive measures and a strong policing of those speed reductions.

As a physician that sees a high number of traffic related injuries in my daily practice, i have to also recommend a speed reduction - for all residential streets as it has been introduced in many other cities across the country and the world. It is just mindblowing that we still see so many severe live changing injuries and fatalities in traffic in our city. It is not understandable that we still have to sit down and explain to individuals that they have to spend the rest of their live in a wheelchair or severely impaired because of a high speed incident.
Studies from other cities have shown that a speed reduction to 30 substantially reduces the rates of traffic incidents and consequently the number of severe injuries and fatalities. Citys like Oslo in Norway or Helsinki in Finnland have not seen a single fatality from traffic related incidents in years since the speed in residential areas was reduced to 30 and is being strictly enforced. Why can we not follow those examples!?

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes

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