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Phone Number:

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] 5076

To Whom It May Concern,

If you like what you have just read, and agree, please sign and provide your phone number and mail or drop this letter off at the town hall. If you have any other concern and/or thoughts, or would like to write something in your own words, please do so. The more of us that sign this or your letter and send it in, then the members of council will have to implement something more than putting up additional broken digital signs, or more reduce speed limit signs that will not deter anyone from people from using 10th Avenue as their daily shortcut to save a minute or 2 to their commute.

Ignore it, then we all have to accept that we live in an area that will most likely get much worst with traffic and the noise that comes with it, and sadly a most likely a lower selling price if you ever decide to move.

Personally speaking, we are more than just slightly embarrass in having acquaintance's/friends over for dinner or drinks and have them listen to what we have to listen daily and explain when they ask, 'why do we live here'! In fact, we avoid in hosting anything at our place.

We love the area and the people in the area, and if we can make it better by just reducing the traffic and noise, it will be a huge benefit in living in this area....

Please copy this letter and give it to your neighbors for we do not have the time to do this all by our self, let alone get this to all the other households in the vicinity that also might agree that **SOMETHING** needs to be done now and not later.

To the Members of Council that represent the town of Creston:

June 14, 2021

I agree with the above letter.

But before I add my thoughts and feelings to the above letter, I would like to share who I am first. My name is Tim Zibrowski and I have moved down to Creston from Edmonton back in April of this year. We bought the house located on 919 Cavell street at the bottom of 10th avenue. Our plan is to start a small business in Creston that caters to a specific athletic crowd of all ages that are more than willing to pay for this service. Our clientele would consist all out of town guests, people that likely that has never been to Creston before. Like all business, we were going to start small, find a suitable vacant building, setup, work out the kinks, and then take it to its full potential and probably employee 15 to 25 people by 2023. Donna McKay, my better half, also wants to start a side business that would cater strictly to the town of Creston. She is a professional personal trainer/yoga instructor/fitness lifestyle coach/nutritionist/etc. We were planning a start the main business in the spring of 2022.

Now to the letter. IF we knew that the traffic was this horrendous, we would have NEVER bought the house. When we asked the realtor about the traffic, she said that it slightly busy with people going to work and from work at the end of the day. Flat out lie just to make a sale!!! The house was listed cheaper than other homes in Creston, but now in retrospect, I can see now why this was, it was not worth the steep price that we paid.

I usually wear my noise cancelling headphones at night for all the diesel trucks or vehicles that are should not be allowed on the road has woken me up on numerous occasions. I only sit on the deck in the early morning 6:00 am or after 8:00 pm when the traffic is not so bad. I do rely on having my stereo turned on during the day and into the evening to drown out the constant and steady traffic noise. Talking to the neighbors during the day consist of, stopping the conversation mid-sentence, wait for the truck to try to make it up the hill, then continue, or ask them to repeat what they had just said on a constant basis.

The stop signs are ignored but the majority and should be removed. I have to yield to all that fail to stop at the stop signs, since I have to back onto 10th Avenue at the bottom of the hill. I have had already have had more than a few close calls in being hit while backing onto the road.

I do not agree with the police statement 'it is not a great use of their time'. It is part of their job/duty to enforce compliance of the rules of the road. They would make a killing on the bottom of Cavell Street for all the people that fail to stop in all directions and the 30km zone is treated like a 50 to 60 km in both directions. They probably would fulfill their budget for the year within a week or 2 if they were doing their job for traffic violations! If the police in Creston also did basic vehicle and excessive emission checks, they would most likely remove 10-15% of the vehicles off the road within the first few weeks – the amount of beaters that are ALLOWED on the road - wow. The ones that I see daily most likely spew out more toxic and noxious fumes that having all vehicle abide to the – “Creston is a no ideal zone”, so having those signs up is pointless to me since those beaters are allowed to roam freely and pollute Creston daily which just shows a lack of direction/enforcement in helping make the air quality better. There is one that I see occasionally that most likely spews out so much pollution that it equals to 200 to 300 cars that are fit to be on the road! And yet he is allowed to pollute as much as he wants to his heart content?

Also, the male and female that uses their wheelchairs daily on 10th Avenue will be clipped or hit one of these days. I have seen TWICE where cars will still pass them, not waiting for the other vehicle coming from the opposite direction yield to him or the other vehicle. I guess the 1-meter rule does not apply. For the love of GOD, they are in a wheelchair! THEY are treated like they are a nuance for being on the road and should not be on the road– shame to the whole town of Creston! There are also more than a few older people with canes and walkers that trudge up and down the road, too.

But all pedestrians and handicap people have no choice but to be in on the road for there are no sidewalks and hope for the best that they do not get hurt. Why would the town of Creston allow this for pedestrians and the handicap to be forced on this very busy road at their own peril? The town council has a duty to keep ALL safe from unnecessary harm. This is far from the only Street that does not have sidewalks and not having them on an extremely busy street is just plain crazy **(This letter is my opinion and in no way to be construed of being disrespectful to any past or current council member, and I have strong feelings in how people in need are neglected or treated)**. How has the town civil engineer miss this hazard for this long?

Speed bumps? Would help but they have to be speedbumps that forces people to slow down, mostly the ones driving 4x4's, but you would need to put in quite a few, since if its only 1 or 2, you just push the problem farther away and not solve it.

Road Barriers? They do work if placed in the right places but needs to be more than just one or two. The point of them, it forces people to actually slowdown when there is another vehicle coming in the opposite direction, but do very little when there is no vehicle coming in the opposite direction. Edmonton has them in certain busy roadways in residential areas.

One way? This would work and help in suppressing the short cutters, but would traffic increase going in the one direction? If it does, it would still be a blessing and a lot less noisy going downhill only. I do agree that noise that trucks create are equivalent to 3 or 4 cars, so in essence the traffic is closer to 4000+ per day. It will also solve the problem with people not stopping since they have no choice since they do not have the right-of-way at the bottom of the hill.

Another option - closing a portion of 10th Avenue and turning it into a 'Urban Road Pathway for bikers, joggers, walkers, the one that uses their wheelchair, canes and walkers, etc, since there is a beautiful large Natural park that starts near the bottom of Cavell street. I know that Seattle has implemented this at a great success for they recently took a major Shortcut Road well used by well over 20,000+ vehicles/day and closed it to become an urban renewal pedestrian walkway. They just did it with basically very little warning and all was well with no backlash from the people.

Edmonton has done this too, to great success when they closed Kieler Road many years ago that had become a major shortcut and has turned to become one of the busiest urban walkways in Canada. The signs went up one night, informing the drivers that this road will be closing next weekend and it was done to great fanfare, too. No plebiscite, no debate, no vote, the council just did it.

I do not think anyone that I have met over the last few months would have any issue with the increase of pedestrian/bikers/joggers in the area and besides, Creston can use more uninterrupted parkways/paths for fitness/nature lovers. I have taken the Devon trail, but you have to yield and cross roads or private driveways constantly to continue on the path that is not that terrible long in the first place.

Please look into this traffic matter seriously and take charge of this growing nuisance in a swift/timely manner and the unnecessary dangers that it represents to all people of Creston. I have no idea if anyone has been seriously hurt, but that does not make this Avenue all the less hazardous. From what I can tell to the people that I have talked to in the area, the people are scared in – rocking the boat or saying anything at all? My reply to all of them, “are you serious?”

It is officially 7.36 am and already 9 loud trucks have rudely raced up 10th avenue, as well as the numerous cars in both directions. So traffic does start earlier than the stated 8:30 am during the weekdays.

One last thing, I would like to commend the town to all the doggy bags supplied, for it does work in having people pick up after their pooches....

With my regards,

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Regards, *Al & Sigrid Hart.*

Phone Number:



(519) 411-1111

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We live on Cavell Street between 10th & 11th Avenues.

Some of our concerns on our stretch of road:

- 1) Dust - hard to enjoy our yard when the dust clouds cover everything
- 2) Traffic - street not made for 2 cars to pass comfortably
- we understand that this road was meant for emergency access into the Westridge subdivision.
- 3) Foot traffic - many people walk along our stretch of Cavell which has no sidewalks. Many elderly walk here, some with their walkers & canes.
- cars (most of them) do not adhere to the posted speed limit

Ideas for solutions to the above:

- 1) Dust - pave the road
- 2) Traffic - most of it comes from Westridge subdivision.
 - a) - make it a one way street from 10th to 11th - going east. That would cut down a lot of the noisy traffic
 - b) - make it a designated "emergency only" road with signs and/or barriers, where pedestrians could still safely access the road.
 - c) - enforce speed limits (20 km)
- 3) putting up barriers, which can easily be removed for emergency vehicles, would still give access for people to safely walk to the hiking trails


To the Mayor and Council,

I agree with my neighbour about the problems of 10th Avenue North but I do not entirely agree with his solutions.

I feel that the only solution to the speeding on this street is two sets of speed bumps. Please make them speed bumps, not ripples. Put the first set between Murdock and Alder and the second between Scott and Ibbotson, That should slow down the vehicles.

My pet peeve is the noise of some vehicles- usually pick-ups but not always. When I first arrived in the valley, I had a car with a faulty tail light. I was always getting a warning ticket for a faulty vehicle and was given 48 hours to get it fixed or else. I never did find out what the 'or else' was. The police must have the power to pull a vehicle off the road if it does not meet road safe conditions, including faulty mufflers. Pull a few of the cars off the road and other people should get the hint, particularly if it was announced in the paper what was happening.

Something has to be done about noisy vehicles. When I sit out on my deck, we have to stop talking when some of these vehicles go by. We cannot hear ourselves think, much less carry on a conversation. I am almost at the point where I'm going to have to put my house on the market. Two minutes out on my deck and the value of the house will drop immensely. Please do something.


Donald B. MacLeod
19th Ave. N (on Heart-Attack Hill)

Pardon my typing, but my handwriting is even worse. D

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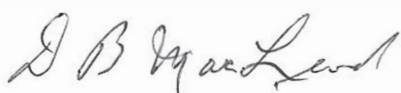
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Having those NON Working Speed Signs are, well, a joke. Having a 30 km speed limit is ignored by many, and having the 3 way stop signs at the bottom of Cavell Street are treated as YIELD signs at best in all 3 directions. A concern is that one of these days, a pedestrian will be hit and hurt seriously by a driver that refuses to acknowledge that the stop sign means STOP, or drive at the posted speed. The insane noise driving up 10th Avenue can be downright disturbing/nerve wracking at times and at night all the worst.

Some of us have done random checks and we have learned that the average amount of vehicles using 10th Avenue during the week is about 3.5/4 cars/minutes. This is just an average and sometimes it can be as high as 8.5 vehicles per minute for long durations at certain times during the day with the majority being trucks. Traffic usually starts at about 8:30am and continues to build through the day till about 5:30pm, then it finally starts to taper off. In those 9 hours, we constantly have to listen daily to over 2000+ vehicles from a town that has only about 5300 people – how did this become A Main Road Artery for the town of Creston? And by no means is it that 10 Avenue is only used for 9 hours, so the numbers of cars/day is much higher. We probably do not have to invite any council member to come and stand on 10th avenue and listen for a half hour in how loud and disturbing it is to us, since you most likely know.

A lot of us think that a solution is turning 10th Avenue into a one-way going just Northbound (downhill). A minor inconvenience to the town and even to us that live in the area. This solution, theoretically would reduce the traffic by 50%, but it would most likely reduce the NOISE POLLUTION close to 90% since they will not be going uphill. So loud is it that we find ourselves more in our homes with the windows and doors closed, the TV on, or music playing just to drown out the constant traffic noise – this is not a solution and just adds more Noise Pollution for us. There is next to no enjoyment in being outside with friends/family or simply talking to the neighbors, let alone trying to read a book, or even doing simple tasks/yardwork. We find ourselves avoiding doing these simple everyday enjoyments during the heavy traffic hours. This is not right, or to us, acceptable! It would also beneficially reduce traffic and noise in the surrounding neighborhood, since they cannot use those areas as additional shortcuts in both directions any longer, too! Reducing traffic by 50% would be a great step in dealing with all the unnecessary traffic in the area and would make it much safer for all of us that walk along it.

Also, having 10th Avenue one-way will now force people to STOP, since 10th Ave would have a Yield or the right away, while the other 2 STOP sign cannot be ignored for people traveling to and from 11th Avenue. (Installing proper speed bumps might persuade people to avoid using 10th Avenue as their daily shortcut. But they would only work if they are actually speed bumps and not like the ones near the hospital which you really you cannot tell that they are speed bumps in the first place).

Sure the police could start to show a greater presence, and ticket people for speeding, failing to stop, and do simple vehicle inspections would most likely help reduce some traffic and the noise on a temporary basis. This would not be a fix to the problem, and personally, not a great use of their time.

We implore the Town Councils to seriously look in helping the residents in this area!

In kind regards, we thank you in advance, in taking this issue seriously and implementing a viable solution in a timely manner....

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