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**From:** Ian Bartley [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 11:36 PM  
**To:** Council  
**Subject:** Neighbourhood traffic control in Cheakamus Crossing

Dear mayor and members of council,

I am writing today to draw your attention again to the issue of motorist speed in the Cheakamus Crossing neighbourhood, specifically along (but not limited to) Legacy Way. Council should be aware from previous communications from myself and other concerned neighbours that there is a serious disregard for the posted speed limit of 30 km/h in the neighbourhood. In my personal observation the most serious transgressions are from residents rushing out to work or in to home at the beginning or end of the work day, but especially I see it from contractors travelling to and from jobsites throughout the day, traffic from the quarry cutting through the neighbourhood, and (recently less commonly due to

Covid) from hostel guests and sports team vans. A speed estimate would be speculation on my behalf, but I would judge that 60 km/h+ is reached regularly, with some departing individuals actively trying to reach a maximum speed before being forced to brake crossing the Walter Zebrowski bridge. This morning while dropping off my daughter at the daycare I witnessed a contractor travelling to the build site on Cloudburst Drive pass along Legacy Way adjacent to us at a high enough rate of speed that he was obligated to drift across the centre into the oncoming lane in order to make the bend (apexing), prompting me to revisit this with you. I see this type of disregard nearly every time I walk down Legacy Way.

As a resident in the area and the father of small children using the daycare and parks and sidewalks on either side of Legacy Way, I am seriously concerned about the needless risk posed to bystanders by elevated driver speed, and the consequences of a moment of poor judgement from an inattentive driver or a toddler or family pet that doesn't understand traffic rules, or does not expect such speeds. Council may or may not be aware that last November there was a child struck at a marked crosswalk in the neighbourhood, thankfully she was not seriously hurt. I was not there at the time and I don't believe speed specifically was a factor, but it could very easily have been someone driving much faster and the consequences could have been much worse. A posted speed limit may dictate driver fault in the case of a pedestrian collision (if it's being observed), however it will be the pedestrian that will pay the ultimate price in such a situation, and given the attractions and services in this immediate area the odds are that a resident child will be a victim.

A dedicated look through the Cheakamus Crossing Facebook page will show that this has been an issue for residents for some time now, with specific instances spurring calls for some measure of control made throughout the history of the neighbourhood, and having both the mayor and some councillors tagged in the conversations. I myself have dialogued with Norm McPhail starting in 2015 to express my concern (as included below), which resulted in a week of a speed display camera sign, and some elevated RCMP presence, but no real effective changes. I also have copies of missives to council from residents expressing concern and the authorities to whom the complaints were deferred, without effect, and I am aware of others having spoken up about their concerns as well. The issue of local speed control was to have been tabled at the December 17 2019 council meeting.

I would take the position that although our neighbourhood is marked as a traffic controlled area, there is no real infrastructure to support that claim beyond road design intended to instill driver caution by building setback/proximity and the narrowness of the lanes, but in reality just places the risk squarely on the pedestrian.

**I would ask that Cheakamus Crossing have all of the crosswalks over Legacy way raised, as they are on other high traffic, speed controlled areas of Whistler,** such as Northlands Boulevard, Blackcomb Way (Upper Village), Spring Creek school zone, Blueberry Hill and others. Anything less refutes the efforts to make our community more self-propelled and less auto-reliant. I believe that raised crossings would be more effective, both from a passive speed control and cost perspective, over installing flashing lights at crosswalks, which really aren't meant to reduce the average speed along a thoroughfare and do nothing for those not actually at a crosswalk. Raised crossings would also discourage heavy trucks from the adjacent quarry from moving through the neighbourhood as they do from time to time.

**I would also request that concrete railings be installed on the Walter Zebrowski bridge to protect pedestrians on the valley trail on the outside of the bend (particularly in winter), and to have the concrete rails amended from the ditch on the northwest side of Legacy Way extending down to the first crosswalk,** protecting and directing pedestrians to a predictable marked crossing.

Although I would welcome an increased policing presence in the neighbourhood, I'm not sure that dedicating a unit full time to speed control in one area is a reasonable use of the RCMP's time and budget, and would only be effective while they were on site, as shown by previous efforts. I understand that there are regulations that must be met in order to determine a road or neighbourhood as 'Traffic Controlled' which might not be possible in all residential areas of Whistler, however as Cheakamus Crossing is already signed as such I don't see that this should be an obstacle, certainly not an insurmountable one given what might be at stake.

I am available to walk through the neighbourhood with a member of council and point out areas of concern if that would be helpful. I am connected to other residents who could provide input as well, based on their own observations.

Thank you so much for your consideration, I look forward to our concerns being addressed.

Ian Bartley  
Resident of Cheakamus Crossing

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