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Subject: Lakeside Road Valley Trail safety issues

Dear Mayor Crompton and Council,

I wanted to make you are aware of some serious road safety issues in Alta Vista, specifically with respect to the traffic coming to visit Lakeside Park. We have owned a home in the area since 1996 and have watched as Lakeside Park has grown into a successful Whistler attraction. However, the municipality has done nothing in terms of traffic calming to handle the increasing number of people accessing the park. With increased use of the valley trail, limited visibility on roads due to cars parked on the side roads, and many more vehicles, bikers and walkers in the area, it is only a matter of time before a serious accident occurs. Lakeside Road, Alta Vista Road and Carleton Way have become very busy, especially on weekends. Parking on the side of the road limits the space for bikers, walkers, and vehicles to share the road.

I can tell you I have had many encounters with bikers coming out of my driveway and turning the corner onto Carleton Way as the bikers often if not always cut the corner. The bikers have to go wide on the road as the walkers on the Valley Trail are not taking up one lane but often both and even spilling out onto the middle of the road. With cars parked on the opposite side of the valley trail, it is just not wide enough for walkers, bikers and two lanes of traffic. You throw in people driving around to find parking or get into the boat launch and it is just a real mess.

Rather than react to what may be a serious accident involving a pedestrian/biker and a car, the municipality might consider the following options.

- 1. No parking on Lakeside Road from July 1st to Labour day. (This will double the size of the road for the movement of pedestrians, bikers and vehicles and would hopefully stop cars from driving around trying to troll for parking)
- 2. Put in a speed bump for bikes at the bottom of Carleton Way and Lakeside so bikes cannot fly around the corner at mach speed putting pedestrians and themselves at risk.

We support the Valley Trail and people walking and biking, but the safety issue with the vehicle congestion mixed with walkers and bikers is just not tenable.

We look forward to your suggestions.

Kind regards,

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