



Gonzales Neighbourhood Association
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Fred Billingham, Transportation Co-ordinator
City of Victoria Engineering Department
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Dear Fred,

The Gonzales Neighbourhood Association (GNA) has received some communications from residents living on Fairfield Road opposite Margaret Jenkins School. They have raised concerns regarding traffic in the area.

There is a significant amount of activity in the area due to children walking to and from school, others being dropped off and picked up, and the school also has three playgrounds that are utilized outside school hours and on weekends.

Fairfield Road is used as a thoroughfare for traffic and has become noticeably busier now that Richardson Street has been blocked off. Residents are reporting they have observed increased traffic with some driving at excessive speeds; apparently, it is not unusual to see vehicles speeding in excess of 80k/hr.

Although the police have ticketed several drivers during school hours, there does not appear to be any monitoring outside of school hours. The situation is particularly dangerous along that stretch of Fairfield Road as children are using the playground at Margaret Jenkins outside school hours and on weekends. Additionally, Fairfield Road, heading east, curves at Richmond Road which results in a blind corner for the driveways on the south side of the road

Given the change in traffic patterns, we are requesting the City consider limiting the speed on Fairfield Road to 30k/hr from Richmond Road to Foul Bay Road, and that it be designated a playground area. Putting a 4-way stop at the intersection of Fairfield Road and Richmond Road may also be advisable.

We request that the City look at potential solutions to this problem before it results in a serious incident.

Sincerely,
Susanne Rautio, President
Gonzales Neighbourhood Association

Cc. Thomas Lacey, Fairfield Road resident
Ben Isitt, Council Liaison

