



Mission
Public Schools

RIVERSIDE COLLEGE

School District No. 75 (Mission)

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District of Mission
Attention: Mayor and Council
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February 12, 2010

Dear Mayor and Council,

I note that the question of establishing a school zone in front of the new location for Riverside Centre will be before you at your February 15th council meeting. As the principal of the school, I respectfully ask that council approve an appropriate school zone in this area.

In their report, your staff indicate that school zones are not normally utilized except in front of elementary schools. However, here in Mission there are school zones in front of every school, including our high schools and the UFV campus. Indeed, Riverside's old location was the only school in Mission to have no school zone signage. This fact contributed to numerous concerns raised by our staff and students, particularly after accidents and near-misses occurred.

The staff report states that Riverside is open in both the daytime and evening, and thus ought to be managed differently. In fact, all of our secondary schools and the UFV site are occupied throughout the day and evening. They are all busiest, of course, during the day and Riverside is no different in this respect.

Please consider the challenges we face in terms of providing for the safety of our students and staff. It is apparent that the community is not accustomed to a school in this area because a high percentage of the passing traffic appears to be traveling at a high rate of speed. Our students congregate in the area in front of the school during breaks and when being dropped off or picked up. There is a school bus stop and a transit bus stop here and these are connected by a crosswalk. The slope of Stave Lake Street means vehicles travelling too fast slide toward our school. Our staff raised this concern after a snowfall in late 2009 caused a number of near-misses in front of our building. All of these factors contribute to our need for a clearly marked school zone.

We request that the District of Mission install school zone signs and 30 km/h speed tabs northbound on Stave Lake Street, as well as both east and westbound on Dewdney Trunk Road.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sharon Kindree".

Sharon Kindree
Principal