



Berkley Road - Pedestrian safety:

Group's goal: slow down traffic on Berkley Road

Suggestions made by the participants:

- resident from Berkley Terrace (at the very south end of Berkley) would like to see traffic calming below Carnation as well as a sidewalk on the west side of Berkley from Bendale to Mount Seymour Parkway.
- speed indicators
- pedestrian crossings with pedestrian activated lights at Berkley/Layton or other streets intersecting with Berkley
- a pedestrian activated light north of Byron
- the number of crosswalks may be reduced if the sidewalks on the west side of Berkley north of Swinburne are extended
- the 'safe routes to school' concept was suggested and discussed
- visibility can be a problem, and hedges was mentioned as one of the issues on Berkley
- info provided that Berkley is two feet wider south of Sechelt
- better signage could be used at the crest on Berkley at Swinburne
- the use of orange flags to be used by the kids for crossing Berkley. The flags to be left on either side of Berkley after use
- a volunteer crossing guard program was brought up
- a three-way stop at Berkley and Sechelt
- are traffic statistics for Blueridge, Berkley in particular available?
- what will the effect be on traffic when/if Blueridge Elementary School is closed down?
- **a resident advised that the daily traffic count (north and south on Berkley) adds up to 5500 vehicles**
- more 4-way stops and traffic circles
- suggestion of painting on road: SLOW DOWN
- calming/speed bumps
- no parking zones on Berkley to improve visibility

The complete post-it notes are listed below (much is repetition of the above):

- sidewalk to Mount Seymour Parkway (west side of Berkley).
- Traffic calming below Carnation
- pedestrian controlled crossing/traffic calming/ NO stop signs on Berkley
- sidewalk on west side of Berkley between Swinburne and Layton
- increase signage indicating speed limits
- crosswalk at Berkley at Swinburne on north side
- safe crossings at Swinburne and Layton. Slowing Berkley traffic via one STOP sign at Swinburne or Layton
- 'no parking' signs before and after crosswalks to increase visibility
- crosswalk at Byron Road and Berkley
- sidewalk on the west side of Berkley - Byron or Layton to Swinburne
- pedestrian crossing at Swinburne and Layton, visible to cars



- Layton Drive - very difficult to cross Berkley to get to school. Cars parked on Berkley make it hard to see cars and for cars to see pedestrians trying to cross. Need a crosswalk and need ways to slow the traffic

When the group was asked to list the PRIORITIES, since the DNV will not be able to afford all our suggestions, the following list was drafted:

1. STOP sign at Sechelt and Berkley
2. make at least one safe crossing on Berkley with a pedestrian activated light
3. marked crosswalks at Berkley/Layton and Berkley/Swinburne
4. traffic bulges (curb extensions)
5. more signage regarding speed

Berkley Road - Speed Control:

Suggestions/Comments made by the participants:

- cross walk with pedestrian activated light at Berkley and Byron
- sidewalks on West side of Berkley
- change road markings to single solid line all the way up Berkley
- improve lighting on Berkley
- enforcement easements at Berkley & Sechelt to improve sightlines (hedges & fences)
- 4-way stops at Berkley and Sechelt, Swinburne & Carnation
- curb extensions with crosswalks at Swinburne and Carnation
- Education: change the perception about 'why we speed'
 - Eg. Construction safety signs "Slow Down - my Mom works here"
- Speed statistics from RCMP
 - 60% within the limit
 - 26% 1-10 kmh over the limit
 - 7% 11-20 kmh over
 - 1% 20+ kmh over
- 'Safe Routes to School' program put in effect
- **Post meeting drop-in group** (residents from Hill Drive, Hyannis, Hyannis Point, Derbyshire and Byron)
 - vigorously opposed to any stop signs south of Sechelt as the traffic volumes (North-South vs. East-West) become very unequal the lower you go
 - disrupt the smooth flow of traffic into and out of upper Blueridge
 - prepared to mobilize on this issue
 - in support of:
 - 4 way stop at Sechelt & Berkley
 - curb extensions with highly visible crosswalk at Byron & Berkley
 - sidewalks on West side from Swinburne to Layton
 - curb extensions with highly visible crosswalks at both Swinburne and Carnation



Sechelt Traffic Control:

Suggestions/Comments made by the participants:

This group consisted of 9 community members of the area who were asked to consider what problems they identified and what improvements could be made along the entire corridor.

Problems identified:

1. Speed particularly along areas of decreased visibility at Whitman and Arroyo.
2. Visibility problems for egress from Arroyo and Derbyshire and related problematic visibility for pedestrians.

Improvements suggested were unanimous:

1. Curb extension and marked crossing at Arroyo - along with warning signage indicating crossing ahead, blind corner/ reduced visibility (for e/b vehicles) signage.
2. Restricted parking on NE and SW corners at Arroyo (unless a curb extension is installed). Some persons were familiar with the improvements on Fromme Rd. in Lynn Valley between Ross and Frederick, and were supportive of similar infrastructure including a slightly raised crosswalk.
3. Install parking bay on north side of Sechelt east of Derbyshire and west of the creek.
4. Install sidewalk on north side of Sechelt between the two ends of Derbyshire Way
5. Install marked crosswalk with warning signs, or crosswalk with 4 way stop at Whitman. (We did not discuss the potential benefits of curb extensions or parking restrictions in this area)
6. Speed restriction signs on Sechelt both directions.

Note: The issue of a 3 way stop at Berkley and Sechelt did come up and there was general support of it given the poor visibility of vehicles on Berkley who have the right-of-way. One resident from Hayseed Close on behalf of himself and four other residents expressed concern on the issue of installing a 3 way stop at Berkley as northbound traffic could back up during heavier traffic hours, making a left turn from Hayseed onto Berkley difficult.