

ELMWOOD – EAST KILDONAN WARD

Jason CUMMING-

“I think we need to place a very high priority on active transportation especially within East Kildonan-Elmwood. While we may not be able to fix the issues of convenience or distance, we can focus on making the roads safer for our kids. This is a major concern that has been brought to my attention lately by the people that live in this area.

First off, we need to make sure that ALL school zones have the posted limit of 30 km/h. This should have been taken care of right from the moment the bylaw was passed. In East Kildonan there are a couple schools close to major routes that do not have this posted speed limit. This needs to be posted and it also needs to be enforced.

The second thing I would like to address pertaining to this issue is traffic light timing. As it stands right now at many major routes the traffic lights are not set up to accommodate pedestrians as much as they accommodate traffic. Henderson and Leighton are a good example of where this is the case. Crossing Henderson is unsafe because of how short the light is and crossing Leighton is even worse because of people trying to make left turns quickly before the light turns red. All of this can be attributed to poor design. In reality these two things don't take much time and don't cost a lot of money, but making these small changes can greatly benefit the community.”

Paul QUAYE -

“To be brief, I place great value on the safety of children in the community as I have 2 school aged kids myself (14 & 12). As for the active transportation aspect, it will benefit all of the citizens in my ward and I have sights set on 2 particular bike pathway routes to consider for development that will help connect our community both internally as well as externally to other active routes in the adjacent wards.

To be specific, the two routes I would like to see developed are one along Concordia Avenue from Gateway to Harbour View and one running the length of the Hydro tower right-of-way that diagonally bisects the ward from McLeod Avenue through to MBCI on Talbot Avenue. This would provide a more direct set of routes through our area and remove kids from the dangers of extended travel with roadway traffic.

Another idea I have is to change the potential BRT eastern route to make way for the expansion or redesign of Nairn Avenue. Removing the median and allowing for an additional two-way turning lane as well as a more efficient diamond lane system would also potentially allow for a designated bike lane as part of the plan as well.”

Jason SCHREYER- no response at this time.

Thomas STEEN- no response at this time.