

May 25, 2021 (*Transcribed from Original Letter Received by the Infrastructure Services*)

Attn: Ryan Tucker, Jared Puppe, etc.

I just had to write one more letter to express my thoughts about the College St. reconstruction project for what it's worth.

Your blueprints for the street look so nice and crisp and all is well except for the boulevards. Why in the world would you take away the excellent parking spaces of our wide street to give us almost seven feet of useless boulevards, that unless the owner of the property maintains it effectively, it just turns into almost seven feet of out of control weeds because what's put down is not enough of weed free topsoil and good maintenance.

I've only lived on this street for ten years and it should have been reconstructed back then. Is it not worth it to us and you to make this wrong, right by listening to it's residents.

I understand this street has been here for at least seventy years and our house is about 66 years old. If you lived here for as long as some people have, wouldn't you want to respect their feelings, not just push a narrow street plan down their throats.

I've heard some of your reasoning and there is always two sides. You said you don't make all the rules and they want the streets to conform to a certain standard. The street can still look the same just keep the width of pavement similar to the street in front of NEW Riverside Public School. Its boulevards are narrower and still allows for parking on both sides with two way unobstructed traffic, possible (Common sense, right!)

You also said, if the subdivision in the orchard goes through, our part of the street should match up to their dimension. Since we were here first, their part of the street should match up to our dimensions.

You also said most streets made new should match other new streets but that is not always possible, for example the eastern side of Mill Street didn't want sidewalks on both sides of the street and they fought it and the town backed down. Also the south side of Snyder is a fairly new street but there are no boulevards on the east side of the street because there wasn't enough room.

You also said narrow streets help with traffic calming, but our street is so quiet that's not necessary and even if the subdivision goes through most will probably exit off Union St. You only need to look to Duke Street for its congestion (non-Co-vid). The street is too narrow for large truck traffic and people parking on both sides of the street and now this past couple of weeks the town had to put up emergency no parking signs because of the construction on Union.

Another instance I had on a narrow street with too many parked cars was on Falcon St. a year ago October. I had just pulled up to a house and parked on the street. Five minutes later a knock came to the door to tell me the neighbour across the street had backed out of his driveway and into the back of my vehicle because he was distracted by all the vehicles on the street and didn't see mine in the dark. Incidentally it cost him \$1500.00, that didn't need to happen.

I know you are probably getting tired of my ranting but you must understand something are very important to the citizens of this fine town and respect goes a long way.

One more thing I wanted to say was when Co-vid is no longer here (God willing) the legion will be p and running with lots of over flow traffic that ends up parking un-obstructibly on College St. with no problems, and the Santa Claus parade will be back enjoying extra parking on College St, thank goodness and so many other reasons to keep our street wider. Oh, I forgot the residents of College also park their vehicles on the street for what ever reasons without causing problems. That includes a new daycare with lots of children.

I hope for a better outcome, but I wont hold my breath.

Respectfully,

Jim Perrin

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