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From: Gaetan Royer <> on behalf of Gaetan Royer
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Sent: September-17-20 9:41 PM
To: Council
Subject: Spring Street Traffic Pattern Changes

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Dear Mayor & Council,

The City announced that traffic pattern changes along Spring St will start September 28. As a business owner currently investing heavily in new premises with parking off Spring St, I am very concerned. This was a hot topic among Moody Centre business owners today.

The report states that these changes were proposed because residents expressed concerns with speeding and other issues on Spring St. My experience has been that traffic is slow and drivers hesitant on Spring St. The street is narrow and there are lots of poles/driveways/buildings/waste bins/parked cars very close to the lane. There are speed bumps and deep pavement slopes at intersections. Add to that delivery trucks and construction activity and you have the best possible combination of traffic calming. Speeding is a rare issue on Spring St and the hot heads involved will speed regardless of one-way signs.

The June 23 report states that in a 2019 traffic count, in excess of 500 vehicles per hour were observed on Spring St at peak evening hours (dinner time). There is no mention of a license plate survey or sampling of origin and destination, yet the report assumes this is non-local traffic. Granted, some might be, but some of this traffic consists of drivers headed to Aroma, the Burrard's liquor store, Saint Street Grill and many other Moody Centre businesses. Closer investigation would have shown that Moody Centre off-street parking fills up at happy hour time and most of those parking spaces are accessed from Spring St.

Under the heading *Communications and Civic Engagement*, the report states that *a plan will be developed to inform residents and business owners*. That plan appears to be limited to an entry on the City's website posted on Thursday, September 17, 2020. Earlier today.



**TRAFFIC
PATTERN
CHANGE**

[Traffic calming measures coming to Spring and St. George streets September 28](#)

Posted on Thursday, September 17, 2020 12:59 PM

On September 28, 2020, the City of Port Moody will introduce traffic calming measures on Spring Street and St. George Street to improve pedestrian, cyclist, and driver safety.

The heading *Communications and Civic Engagement* is supposed to also inform Council about public engagement activities that took place in advance of a decision. Based on what I heard from business owners

talking to me today, Moody Centre merchants were not consulted about a City project that will have a severe impact on their business.

It is also very surprising that Council voted for the implementation of both the “*pilot project*” and the “*permanent measures*” in the same consent resolution. One would expect the appropriate sequence to be:

- pilot project, then
- assessing the success of the pilot project,
- further public consultation, then
- Council decision about permanent measures.

Consultation with the business community in this particular case would have provided a completely different perspective. The report states: “*Under the current COVID-19, staff are observing significantly lower traffic volumes than seen in prior years.*” Business owners would answer: “*Of course. It’s not news that business is down under COVID-19. There are fewer patrons and we’re struggling. The last thing we want is to force people around several blocks just to get to our establishment.*”

In closing I’m really sorry that I didn’t see this report in June. I will pay more attention to Consent Agenda items in the future. I think Council is doing a great job of listening to the community and I wish I would have raised my concerns back then rather than 10 days before implementation.

Still, I must request that you push the pause button and consult with Moody Centre business owners about this project.

Gaetan Royer

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From: Aidan Shirley <>

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Hi Gaetan,

Here is the Recommendation to Council. See page 3 for maps of the affected areas: <https://pub-portmoody.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=8497>

And here are the meeting minutes from June 23rd, when it was adopted by Council (see page 4):

<https://calendar.portmoody.ca/meetings/Detail/2020-06-23-1900-Special-Council-Meeting/3fcf93fc-cee3-4936-9785-ac090107c47f>

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