

File No.: 04-1000-20-2018-458

October 11, 2018

s.22(1)

Dear s.22(1)

Re: **Request for Access to Records under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the "Act")**

I am responding to your request of August 28, 2018 for:

All written notes and emails from the following in regards to the decision to ban cars (temporary or permanently) from using the Adanac Overpass and how this fits into the 40 Year Transportation Plan:

- Mayor Gregor Robertson,
- City Council,
- Sadhu Johnston,
- Jerry Dobrovolsky, and
- Lon LaClaire.

Date Range: January 1, 2016 to August 27, 2018.

All responsive records are attached. Some information in the records has been severed, (blacked out), under s.17(1) and s.22(1) of the Act. You can read or download these sections here: http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws_new/document/ID/freeside/96165_00

Under section 52 of the Act you may ask the Information & Privacy Commissioner to review any matter related to the City's response to your request. The Act allows you 30 business days from the date you receive this notice to request a review by writing to: Office of the Information & Privacy Commissioner, info@oipc.bc.ca or by phoning 250-387-5629.

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's office with: 1) the request number assigned to your request (#04-1000-20-2018-458); 2) a copy of this letter; 3) a copy of your original request for information sent to the City of Vancouver; and 4) detailed reasons or grounds on which you are seeking the review.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Freedom of Information Office at foi@vancouver.ca if you have any questions.

Yours truly,



Barbara J. Van Fraassen, BA
Director, Access to Information & Privacy

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From: ["Johnston, Sadhu" <Sadhu.Johnston@vancouver.ca>](mailto:Sadhu.Johnston@vancouver.ca)

To: ["LaClaire, Lon" <lon.laclair@vancouver.ca>](mailto:lon.laclair@vancouver.ca)

["Dobrovolny, Jerry" <jerry.dobrovolny@vancouver.ca>](mailto:jerry.dobrovolny@vancouver.ca)

["Louie, Raymond" <Raymond.Louie@vancouver.ca>](mailto:Raymond.Louie@vancouver.ca)

Date: 4/17/2018 6:26:04 PM

Subject: Adanac overpass closure

Hi Lon and Jerry

I'm hoping that you can sit down with Raymond to overview for him our work to calm the neighborhood in preparation for the Fortis project. He is getting complaints from his neighbors about our closure, so he'd like to understand our broader game plan to address access issues for some of the folks whose access to their homes is being limited by these changes. Please set up a meeting with Raymond asap.

Thanks

Sadhu

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From: ["LaClaire, Lon" <lon.laclaire@vancouver.ca>](mailto:lon.laclaire@vancouver.ca)

To: ["Magtoto, Jordan" <Jordan.Magtoto@vancouver.ca>](mailto:Jordan.Magtoto@vancouver.ca)

Date: 12/20/2017 5:14:53 PM

Subject: FW: A brief note

Hi Jordan,

Here's another positive note. Please send the standard reply you sent to the others.

Thanks

Lon

From: s.22(1)

Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2017 9:19 AM

To: Scollard, Taryn; LaClaire, Lon

Subject: A brief note

Hi Lon and Taryn,

I understand that some residents in our community are strongly against the possibility of closing the Adanac overpass to car traffic.

That said, some of us trust in your decision making and believe this will be a positive change for our neighbourhood.

I'm sure you're inundated with emails/calls regarding this topic. I just wanted to briefly note that some of us appreciate the work you're doing—even if we're not particularly vocal.

Happy holidays!

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From: ["LaClaire, Lon" <lon.laclaire@vancouver.ca>](mailto:lon.laclaire@vancouver.ca)

To: ["Magtoto, Jordan" <Jordan.Magtoto@vancouver.ca>](mailto:Jordan.Magtoto@vancouver.ca)
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["Chou, Winston" <winston.chou@vancouver.ca>](mailto:winston.chou@vancouver.ca)

Date: 12/18/2017 12:58:15 PM

Subject: FW: Adanac closure

-----Original Message-----

From: s.22(1)

Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 8:58 PM

To: LaClaire, Lon

Subject: Adanac closure

Hello Lon,

As a resident of Lillooet Street s.22(1), I'd like to add my voice to the Adanac closure discussion. I welcome the temporary closure, and would be happy to see it permanent.

It's shocking how much traffic goes through our quiet residential area during rush hour. I am regularly almost hit while walking my dog and/or child, and I have witnessed multiple near misses with cyclists. It's obviously mostly commuters who don't give a damn about the neighbourhood, and are just blasting through. The 70% figure does not surprise me in the least.

As for the comments in the CTV article, I don't see how it's safer for kids and other pedestrians to have rush hour on Adanac where people speed and blow stop signs, than to keep it where it belongs on light regulated arterials like Hastings.

I'm sure there are others who feel the same as I do, and I just want to make sure we are heard alongside our neighbours who are opposed to the closure. Feel free to contact me at any time.

Thanks,

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From: ["LaClaire, Lon" <lon.laclaire@vancouver.ca>](mailto:lon.laclaire@vancouver.ca)

To: ["Magtoto, Jordan" <Jordan.Magtoto@vancouver.ca>](mailto:Jordan.Magtoto@vancouver.ca)
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Date: 12/18/2017 12:57:57 PM

Subject: FW: Adanac

-----Original Message-----

From: [s.22\(1\)](#)

Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 9:32 PM

To: LaClaire, Lon

Subject: Adanac

I applaud the temp closing of the Adanac overpass. I and many others attended the open house and info session in May at Hastings Community Centre and gave our input.

As a nearby resident I use the overpass often but am happy to go out to Hastings or 1st avenue to help cut down on the crazy amount of commuter traffic that streams through during rush hour. I have seen so many near misses as bikers ride up, and the bus that turns to and from Rupert and cars pass the bus.

This closure is a great opportunity to make our neighbourhood safer. I welcome a trial and let's see what happens.

Thank you for taking a stand for safety!

Sent from my iPhone

From: ["Louie, Raymond" <Raymond.Louie@vancouver.ca>](mailto:Raymond.Louie@vancouver.ca)
To: ["Okano, Kana" <kana.okano@vancouver.ca>](mailto:kana.okano@vancouver.ca)
Date: 8/29/2018 2:15:10 PM
Subject: FW: Proposed Overpass closure

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From: Adanac Project
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 8:37 AM
To: s.22(1)
Cc: Jang, Kerry; Carr, Adriane; Louie, Raymond; Deal, Heather; Affleck, George; info@eastvillagevancouver.ca; Adanac Project
Subject: RE: Proposed Overpass closure

Hi s.22(1)

Thanks for your email. We have setup a new webpage and a newsletter for the Adanac Overpass project at Vancouver.ca/AdanacOverpass. We will update this website and publish updates with our newsletter as we receive more information from Fortis BC and confirm final dates for the temporary closure, Fortis BC's work on East 1st Avenue, notifications of public consultation, and other relevant information for community members. Please consider visiting this site and signing up for our newsletter.

Currently about 3,000 Metro Vancouver drivers use the Adanac Overpass on a typical weekday. About 70% of these drivers are non-local. For the purposes of our analysis, we considered you a "local," whereas "non-local" drivers were Vancouverites south of East 1st Avenue or West of Renfrew Street and residents of North Vancouver, Burnaby, New West, Coquitlam, and other cities in the region. Given that thousands of drivers use East 1st Avenue now, with partial and full closures planned for this year to accommodate Fortis BC's upgrade project we expected that drivers on East 1st Avenue would attempt to reroute to East Hastings, Broadway, and onto Adanac Street to use the overpass.

Please note that we will consider making other changes to the street network in the neighbourhood, like changes to access from Boundary Road, after we understand the impact of the Adanac Overpass and whether the Adanac Overpass will be open or closed long-term. We will have more on this in late 2018/early 2019 at our next public engagement event for this project.

Sincerely,
Jordan
Transportation Planning Team
City of Vancouver

From: s.22(1)
Sent: Saturday, February 24, 2018 12:21 PM
To: Adanac Project
Cc: Jang, Kerry; Carr, Adriane; CLRstephenson@vancouver.ca; Louie, Raymond; Deal, Heather; Affleck, George; info@eastvillagevancouver.ca
Subject: RE: Proposed Overpass closure

Thank you for this information. I appreciate that you plan to reopen the overpass after the roadwork is complete and do more analysis, though I am unclear why roadwork on 1 St Ave should affect the overpass.

I want to reiterate that we, who live east of the highway, are local. Those of us who live beside the overpass on the east side are residents of Vancouver.

Our recreation centre, local coffee shops, corner stores, restaurants, grocery stores, schools etc. are across the overpass in many cases.

I drive across this overpass and do others on both sides of the overpass to access local businesses and services.

I do not see huge amounts of traffic driving through residential areas on the western side. Roundabouts, speedbumps and blocked streets already discourage anyone trying to commute to downtown Vancouver.

On this side there are a couple of speedbumps on Adanac but roundabouts and more speedbumps could help us too to discourage commuters from other areas.

As a resident of the 3 blocks between Cassiar and Boundary I feel I am local and want to access local services and businesses in the East Village area and also just across the overpass.

Those of us who live at the s.22(1) are the closest residents to the overpass in Vancouver. This is a local road for us.

I continue to believe that if you want to restrict the traffic to local traffic, then making access more difficult at Boundary Road meets that need and retains our sense of belonging to East Vancouver, rather than isolating the 3 blocks between Cassiar and Boundary.

Making access to business and services more challenging for us only makes residents east of Cassiar much more likely to use businesses in Burnaby, which we can easily access via Parker St. I prefer to shop in Vancouver but as an older person I also need to be able to easily access my neighbourhood businesses and services. We are not always able to walk or bike to these businesses.

Please let me know when future consultations are set up with the city.

Thanks,

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From: Adanac Project [<mailto:Adanac@vancouver.ca>]

Sent: January 12, 2018 4:07 PM

To: s.22(1)

Cc: Jang, Kerry <Kerry.Jang@vancouver.ca>; Carr, Adriane <Adriane.Carr@vancouver.ca>; CLRstephenson@vancouver.ca; Louie, Raymond <Raymond.Louie@vancouver.ca>; Deal, Heather <Heather.Deal@vancouver.ca>; Affleck, George <George.Affleck@vancouver.ca>; Adanac Project <Adanac@vancouver.ca>

Subject: RE: Proposed Overpass closure

Hi s.22(1)

Thanks for the follow-up email.

We expect that temporarily closing the Adanac Overpass will discourage any commuter traffic from attempting to use the local neighbourhood to bypass traffic on Hastings Street, East 1st Avenue, or Broadway, especially during the period when Fortis BC is upgrading their utilities on East 1st Avenue. We do not think that closing access to local streets in the neighbourhood at Boundary would be as effective to discourage non-local commuters.

The Adanac Overpass Team has been in contact with the Franklin Elementary School administration and PAC regarding this closure. We will monitor motor vehicle volumes near Franklin Elementary, and on all local streets in the neighbourhood before, during, and after the temporary Adanac Overpass closure. Once Fortis BC is done on East 1st Avenue, and the overpass is reopened, we will share our analysis of how the temporary closure affected driver behaviour in the neighbourhood. This analysis will help us, and local residents, understand one effect of the temporary closure and inform a conversation regarding the future of the Adanac Overpass.

Sincerely,

Jordan

Transportation Planning Team

City of Vancouver

From: s.22(1)
Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2018 11:39 AM
To: Adanac Project
Cc: Jang, Kerry; Carr, Adriane; CLRstephenson@vancouver.ca; Louie, Raymond; Deal, Heather; Affleck, George
Subject: RE: Proposed Overpass closure

A couple of comments:

1. I think if you are looking to restrict the traffic to local only then making access more difficult at Boundary Road would meet that need, rather than isolating the 3 blocks between Cassiar and Boundary.
 2. Re Elementary Schools, Franklin Elementary students in this area have to cross Hastings street at Skeena to get to school. It is already a challenging crossing and would get worse with even more traffic routed to Hastings.
- Thank you for your commitment to return in late 2018 to review the future of the overpass. In that review should perhaps be include a look at the other traffic issues in this area, esp. with the densification of Hastings Street.

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From: Adanac Project [<mailto:Adanac@vancouver.ca>]
Sent: Monday, January 8, 2018 12:47 PM
To: s.22(1)
Cc: Adanac Project <Adanac@vancouver.ca>; jenny.kwan@parl.gc.ca; shane.simpson.mla@leg.bc.ca; Jang, Kerry <Kerry.Jang@vancouver.ca>; Carr, Adriane <Adriane.Carr@vancouver.ca>; CLRstephenson@vancouver.ca; Louie, Raymond <Raymond.Louie@vancouver.ca>; Deal, Heather <Heather.Deal@vancouver.ca>; Affleck, George <George.Affleck@vancouver.ca>
Subject: RE: Proposed Overpass closure

Hi s.22(1)

Thank you for the email.

We have heard frustration from members in your community, local elementary schools, local elementary school parent advisory committees, and other stakeholders regarding non-local traffic, speeds, etc., and unfortunately there is no simple fix to these problems.

We worked with ICBC to trace the registration of vehicle license plates using the Adanac Overpass. This analysis identified that about 70% of motor vehicles using the overpass were registered to non-local addresses, indicating that the overpass is being used as a bypass to the East Hastings and East 1st Avenue by non-local commuters. The streets in your neighbourhood were not designed to accommodate this many vehicles, causing frustration and resulting in safety concerns from residents impacted by this non-local traffic.

We believe that closing the Adanac Overpass during Fortis BC's work on East 1st Avenue will help to keep the overpass, and the local neighbourhood, from becoming even busier with motor vehicle commuter traffic during Fortis BC's work. This temporary closure will be paired with a monitoring plan to closely monitor motor vehicle volumes in the neighbourhood before, during, and after Fortis BC's work on East 1st Avenue. The results of this monitoring will help us understand if the closure addresses the complaints that we have received regarding the volume of non-local traffic using local streets in the neighbourhood. We will share the results of this monitoring in late 2018.

We realize that the closure will cause an inconvenience to local drivers, but it may also address local concerns regarding the volumes of non-local motor vehicle traffic. We will have more on this when we return to the community in late 2018 to discuss the future of the Adanac Overpass.

Please note that the overpass will remain open to residents walking and cycling, TransLink buses, and emergency service vehicles.

Sincerely,
Jordan
Transportation Planning Team
City of Vancouver

From: s.22(1)

Sent: Monday, January 08, 2018 11:11 AM

To: Jang, Kerry; Carr, Adriane; CLRstephenson@vancouver.ca; Louie, Raymond; Deal, Heather; Reimer, Andrea; Affleck, George

Cc: Adanac Project; jenny.kwan@parl.gc.ca; shane.simpson.mla@leg.bc.ca

Subject: Proposed Overpass closure

I am very concerned about the proposed closure of the Adanac Overpass as outlined in the attached letter from the city.

I am particularly concerned about the possibility of a permanent closure.

No consultation has taken place east of the Highway, so if consultation has taken place it must have been to the west of Cassiar St and the Highway

Is this plan intended only to assist those in single family units at the expense of those in higher density areas? This seems to fly in the face of councils stated intentions re density.

The area east of the highway (Cassiar to Boundary) is one of the highest density areas in this part of Vancouver as opposed to the single family only residential area on the other side of the overpass.

This specific area, on Adanac east of the overpass, includes the large Adanac Co-op (well over 300 people I would think) , Taylor Manor senior's housing , the Kettle alcohol and drug treatment centre and housing resource and the Terra Vita townhouse complex (88 units- over 200 people). The Hastings section by Skeena also includes Skeena House, shelter type housing, in the old motel at Skeena and Hastings.

This is a very accepting community, willing to do our part in providing treatment, housing etc. We have been excessively nimby like some other parts of Vancouver. But to provide a good community we also need adequate access to other parts of Vancouver.

This is provided by the overpass.

I feel closing the overpass would trap the highest density area in North East Vancouver in the section between Cassiar and Boundary or force us to use Burnaby for services.

It makes it harder to access the rest of Vancouver as well as other local areas.

Skeena onto Hastings is a nightmare in the morning and bad most times of the day. Cars park on both sides of Skeena , other cars are trying to exit Macdonald's and the Esso station onto Skeena right where traffic is turning onto Hastings. It is a dangerous intersection in my view, esp. as children are crossing Hastings at Skeena twice a day to head to Franklin school and the parked cars can make vision very difficult at times.

Heading over to Renfrew via the overpass relieves some of the traffic on Skeena and is much safer for getting to Vancouver, especially in the morning. This route is used both ways by local residents and helps make us feel we are part of Vancouver.

Are Vancouver residents such as myself considered non- local because we live one block the other side of the overpass.

Often this area feels like the city has forgotten we are part of Vancouver. I understand the single-family housing area on the other side of the overpass may like somewhat less traffic, but the argument that most of the traffic is out if area doesn't make sense to me.

There is not a lot of traffic on Adanac going over the overpass and most of it is local, going both ways I might add. There is not an inordinate amount of traffic going through the residential area across the highway.

Traffic is usually quite light and much less than that caused by owners on the other side of the overpass renting parking during the PNE and other events at Hasting Park. We too have much traffic from Hasting Park events but do not rent the areas in front of our buildings during these events so people come to park her for free and walk to the PNE.

Our section also has not got traffic calming circles and detours such as the other side of the overpass already has to assist them with any traffic in their area. Rather than blocking off their neighbours in East Vancouver , I would suggest residents near the PNE have more speed bumps, traffic calming options etc.

Bike riders needs seem relatively well met currently (large numbers of bike riders live in the Terra Vita and Adanac Coop complexes) but some more could be done to provide a lane down Adanac for bikes, traffic calming devices etc.

Traffic over the overpass is not excessive and it goes both ways so it is hard to see the argument that large number of non-locals are using this overpass.

Many people here, such as myself and my husband, are getting older. People have or are having hip replacements, Parkinson's disease and other ailments of aging and we use our cars to access other parts of Vancouver. We can't always bike. We walk when we can but this isn't always practical.

My husband and myself are retired and we go almost daily to businesses on East Hastings in Vancouver, such as multiple coffee shops including East, Laughing Bean, Platform 7, Aer, etc. as well as restaurants like Tamam, Campagnolo Roma, Curry Zone and other businesses like London Drugs, Donald's groceries etc. Without access via the overpass we are much more likely to feel we have to patronise coffee shops, restaurants and other businesses in Burnaby rather than Vancouver. We prefer to support Vancouver businesses, but access is important.

I am a long time Vancouver resident. I love East Vancouver and especially the Hastings Sunrise area, which until now I thought we were part of.

I am also a Vision voter since its inception but for the past while I have wondered if Vision is paying attention to this part of town.

Certainly, this issue will influence my vote in November.

Thank you,

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Date: 12/18/2017 12:57:42 PM

Subject: FW: Thank you - Adanac Closure

-----Original Message-----

From: s.22(1)

Sent: Saturday, December 16, 2017 10:19 AM

To: LaClaire, Lon

Subject: Thank you - Adanac Closure

Hi there,

I just wanted to write you to thank you and city staff for following through and addressing the major traffic issue we have in our area. I know there is currently a very vocal minority against this but these same people have also been very vocal about the traffic problems that have been increasing over the years. They unfortunately don't like this solution as it will inconvenience them in what seems to be a minor way. I fully support the closure and feel like it will make a very positive impact on the safety of our neighbourhood.

Thanks again,

s.22(1)

From: ["LaClaire, Lon" <lon.laclaire@vancouver.ca>](mailto:lon.laclaire@vancouver.ca)

To: ["LeTourneux, Francois" <francois.letourneux@vancouver.ca>](mailto:francois.letourneux@vancouver.ca)

Date: 6/5/2018 1:48:30 PM

Subject: FW: Victoria/N Grandview & E Broadway (ICBC Stats)

Attachments: ENG - TDM - 2007-17 ICBC Data - Victoria & E Broadway and N Grandview Hwy & E Broadway - 2018-06-01.xlsx

Hi Francois,

s.17(1)

When did the s.22(1) collision take place?

Lon

From: Quintero, Liliana

Sent: Friday, June 1, 2018 4:11 PM

To: Chou, Winston; LaClaire, Lon

Subject: Victoria/N Grandview & E Broadway (ICBC Stats)

Hi Winston & Lon

Please see the safety statistics for Victoria/N Grandview & E Broadway:

- high level statistics on the amount of cycling collisions per year and the types of collisions.
- top cycling collision intersections citywide, in case you want to do a comparison with other locations.

Please let me know if you have any questions,

Liliana

Liliana Quintero, MASc, P.Eng

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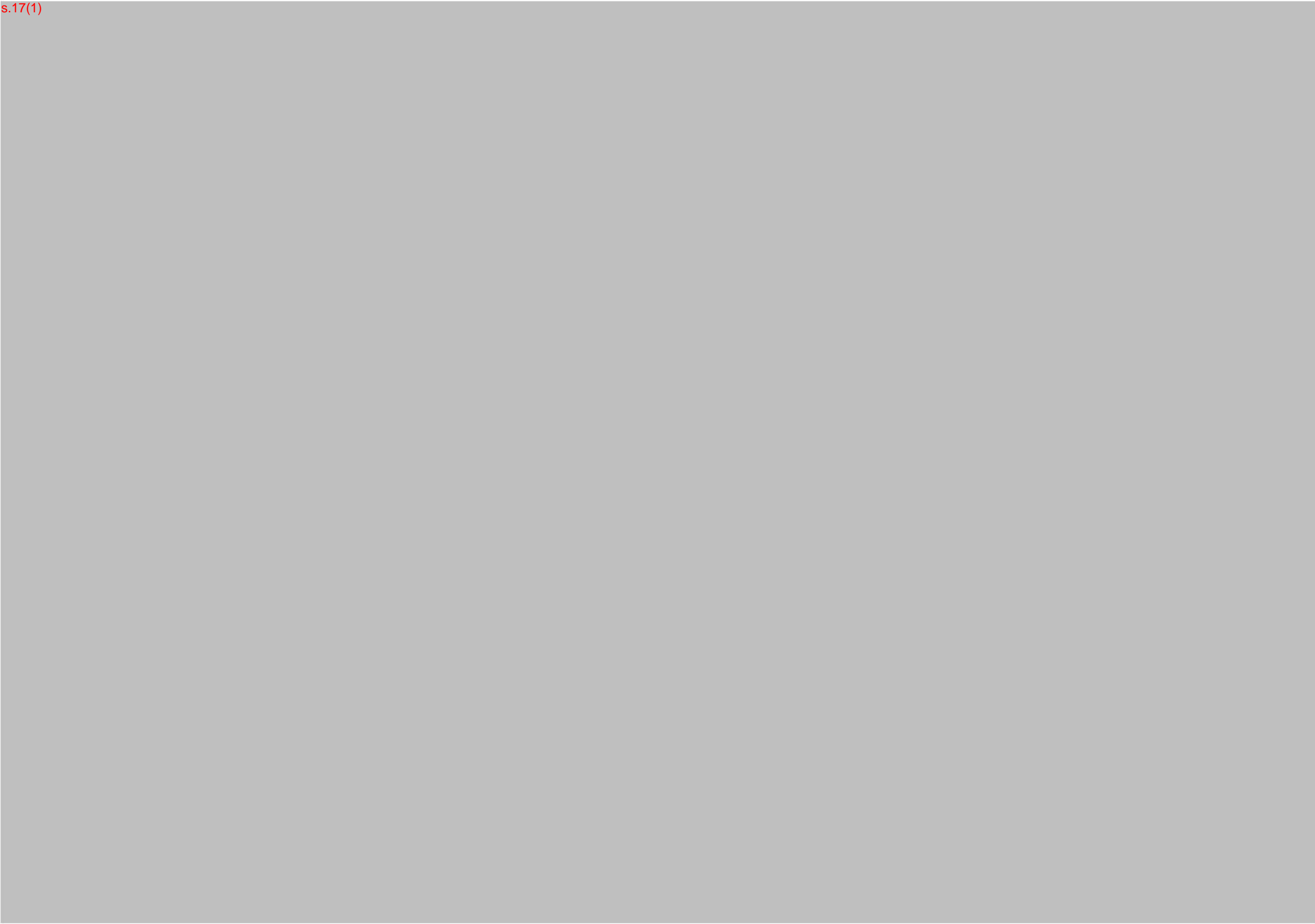
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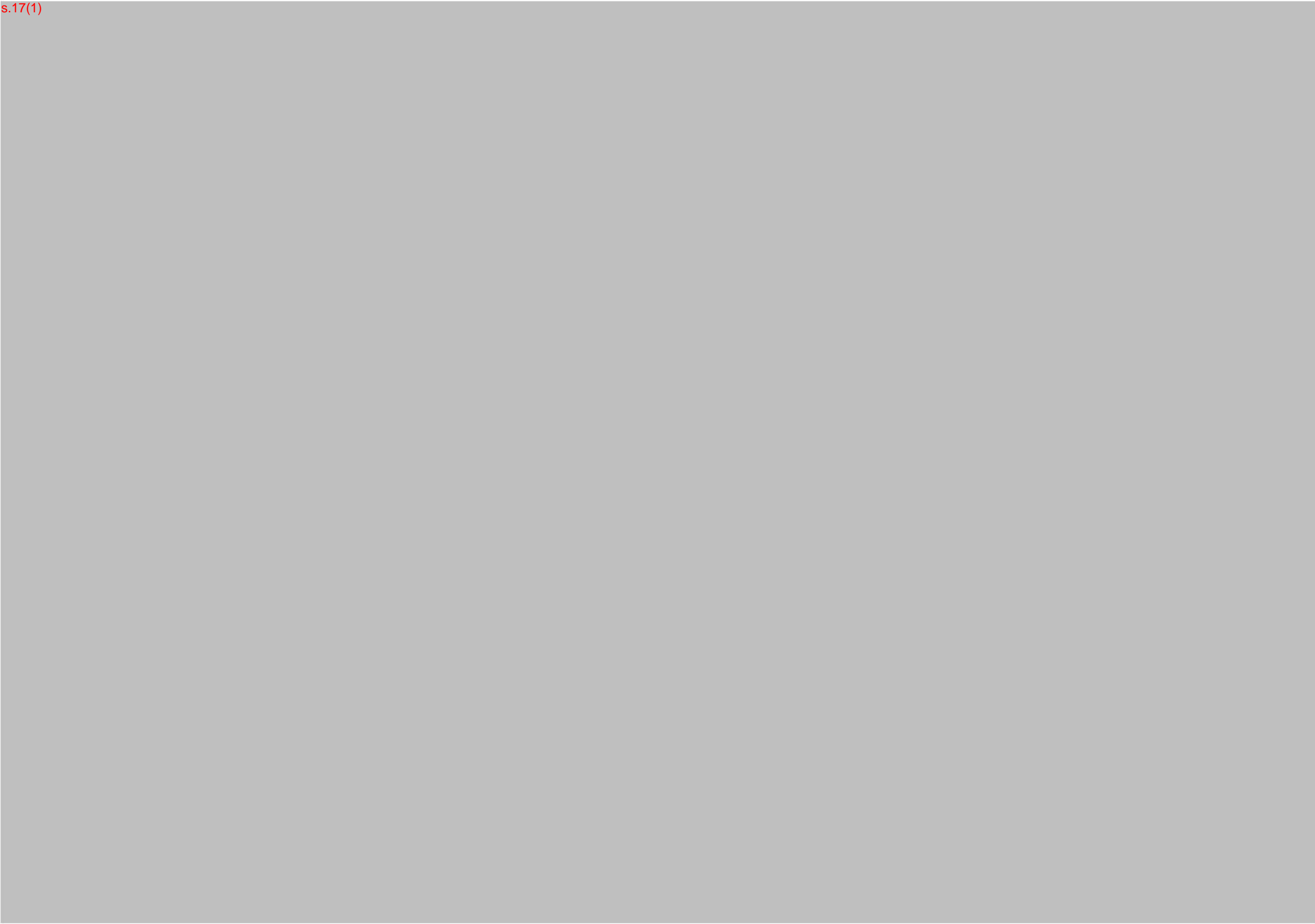










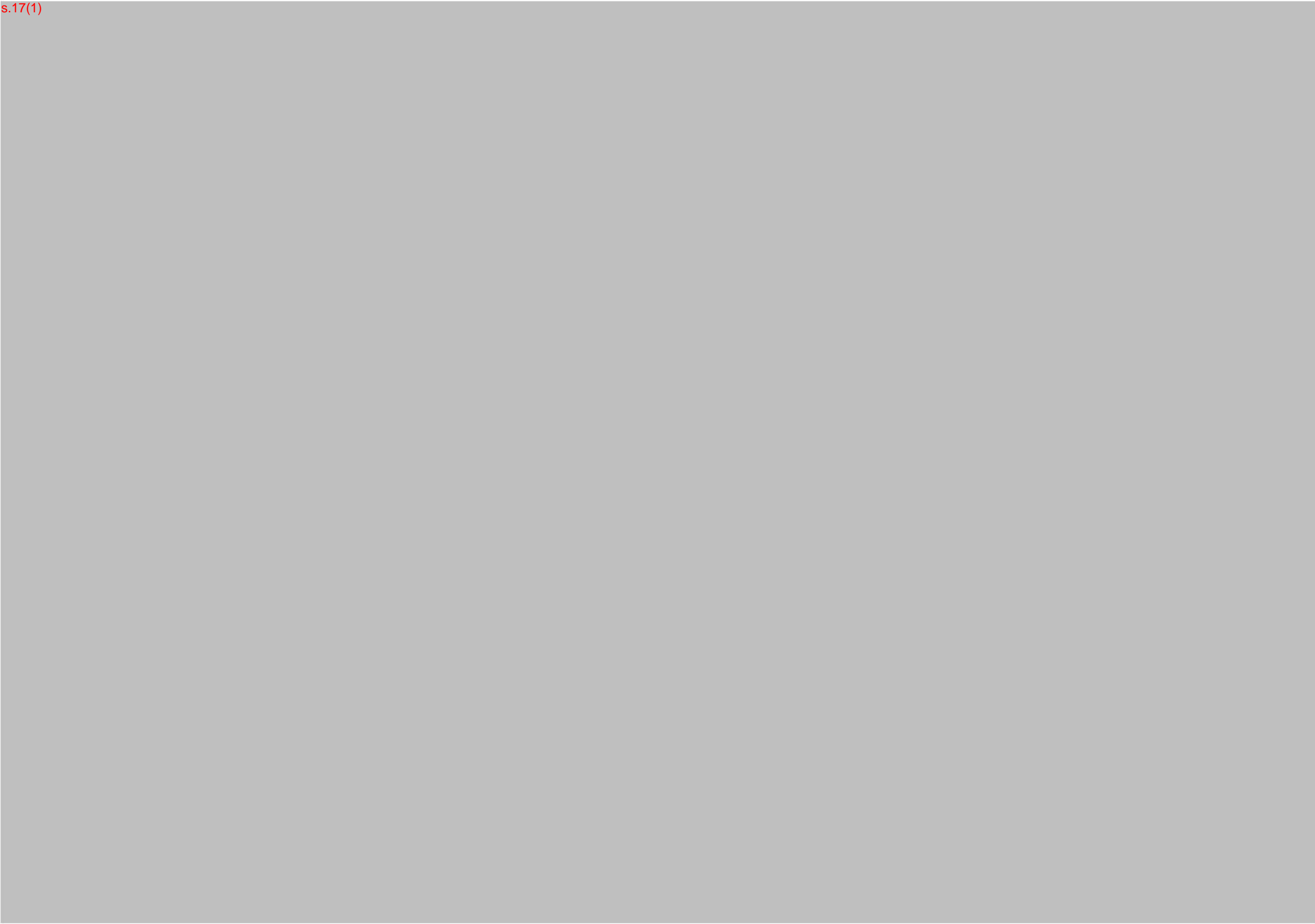


































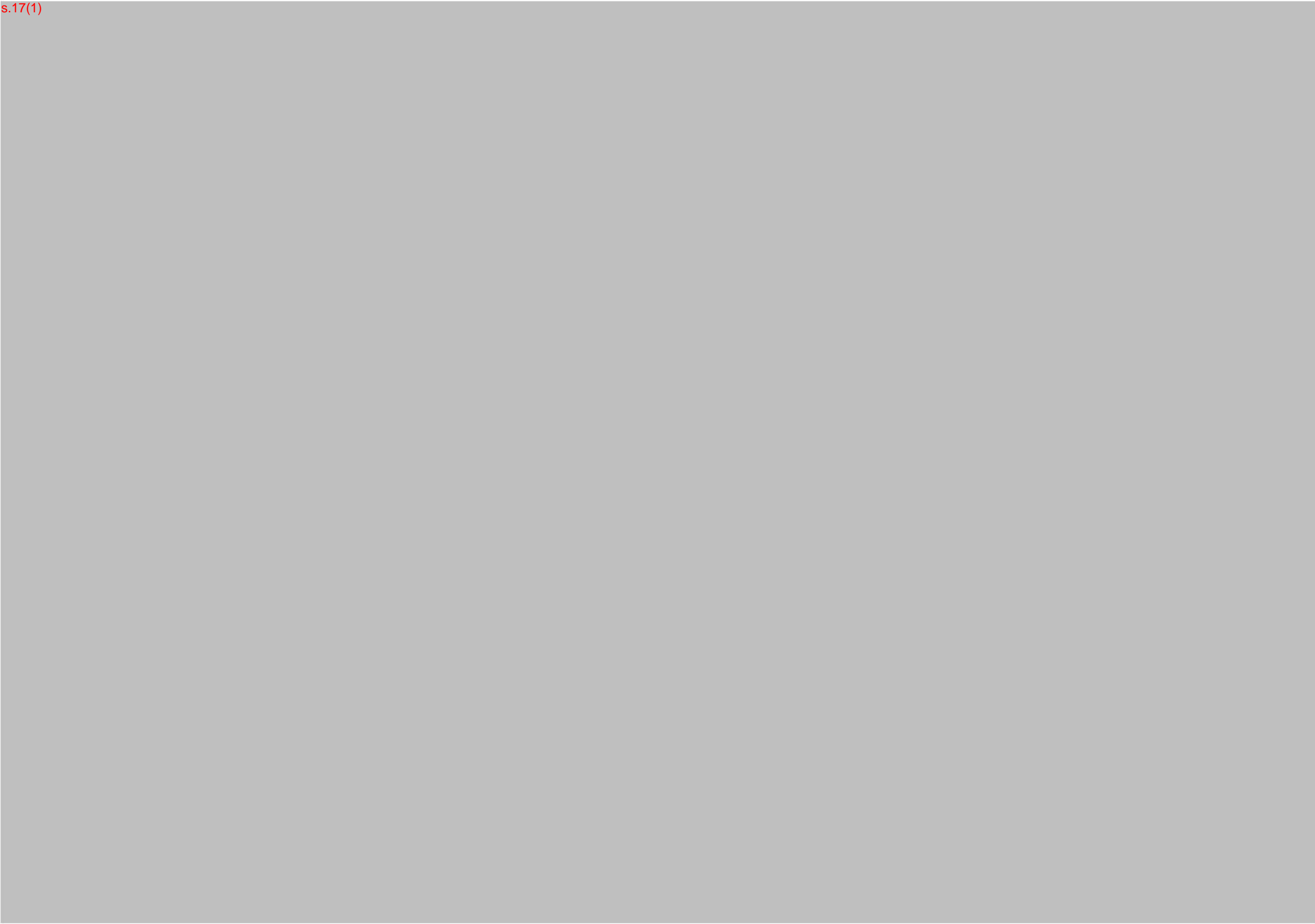
















































From: "LaClaire, Lon" <lon.laclaire@vancouver.ca>
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"Bracewell, Dale" <dale.bracewell@vancouver.ca>
"Storer, Paul" <paul.storer@vancouver.ca>
Date: 6/25/2018 5:50:55 PM
Subject: Fwd: Unsafe Volumes of Traffic in Grandview

Let's discuss at the next branch meeting.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Dobrovolny, Jerry" <jerry.dobrovolny@vancouver.ca>
Date: June 22, 2018 at 10:45:44 AM PDT
To: "LaClaire, Lon" <lon.laclaire@vancouver.ca>
Cc: "Harvie, Taryn" <Taryn.Harvie@vancouver.ca>, "Iradia, Benafsha" <Benafsha.Iradia@vancouver.ca>
Subject: Fwd: Unsafe Volumes of Traffic in Grandview

For follow up. Thx

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: s.22(1)
Date: June 21, 2018 at 7:15:40 PM GMT-4
To: <Gregor.Robertson@vancouver.ca>
Cc: Jerry Dobrovolny <jerry.dobrovolny@vancouver.ca>
Subject: Unsafe Volumes of Traffic in Grandview

Your Worship, this to ask for your help in alleviating a disturbing situation in Grandview. Now that commuter traffic along First Avenue has been impeded due to construction more and more drivers are streaming through Grandview making use of Venables Street between Nanaimo Street and Victoria Drive and the two parallel back lanes north and south of Venables. The traffic has become untenable and conflict will eventually occur as it has become very difficult and unsafe to cycle, walk or drive home during the periods of high traffic. And of course, over time the periods of high traffic have become longer and longer.

The corner of Lakewood Drive and Venables has long been recognized as a traffic hot spot but the City has ignored the problem and done nothing to alleviate the problem. Lakewood Drive is a bicycle route and the intersection is surely unsafe as many drivers ignore the Stop Sign at Venables. Now the City has worsened the problem by blocking Adanac Street near Woodland Drive, at Commercial Drive, at Victoria Drive, at Nanaimo and at Renfrew Street. These blockages were certainly done to facilitate cyclists but they have caused traffic to divert to Venables and nearby back lanes. The City in its wisdom has also constructed two diverters across Parker Street between Victoria and Nanaimo meanwhile traffic can proceed along Venables to Nanaimo unimpeded.

What are the residents of Venables some kind of third class citizens that our street and nearby back lanes are laid out so rat runners are encouraged to bulldoze their way through in order to save a few minutes in driving time?

I have asked city staff many times but now it has become untenable so will you do something concrete to alleviate this ongoing and ever worsening problem? This must not be ignored. There will be problems. It is unsafe. Residents are sure to become frustrated.

Grandview has been an area of ardent support for you and the Vision Party it would be fair and just if you would commit to solving this problem before your term expires. We do deserve better.

I would be very happy to discuss the matter more fully or to assist you in your remedial endeavours.

Regards.

s.22(1)

Sent from my iPad

From: ["LaClaire, Lon" <lon.laclaire@vancouver.ca>](mailto:lon.laclaire@vancouver.ca)
To: ["Harvie, Taryn" <Taryn.Harvie@vancouver.ca>](mailto:Taryn.Harvie@vancouver.ca)
["Bracewell, Dale" <dale.bracewell@vancouver.ca>](mailto:dale.bracewell@vancouver.ca)
Date: 6/12/2018 12:48:04 PM
Subject: RE: Adanac Overpass and Bridgeway

Hi Dale, let's have quick chat about this reply at our next one-on-one.

From: Harvie, Taryn
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 12:42 PM
To: Bracewell, Dale
Cc: LaClaire, Lon; Neufeld, Lindsay
Subject: RE: Adanac Overpass and Bridgeway

Great. Thanks so much. Lindsay, once a reply is sent, please let me know so that I can close the loop with Jerry.

Taryn

From: Bracewell, Dale
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 12:39 PM
To: Harvie, Taryn
Cc: LaClaire, Lon; Neufeld, Lindsay
Subject: FW: Adanac Overpass and Bridgeway

Taryn, Lindsay will start drafting a reply.

To clarify, my TPL team is not involved in the overpass closure but Lindsay (as was Jordan) is supporting Lon in any public replies as needed.

Cheers,
Dale

From: Neufeld, Lindsay
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 12:28 PM
To: Bracewell, Dale
Subject: RE: Adanac Overpass and Bridgeway

This is the first time I have seen this message – it did not come through to the Adanac Project inbox. I will respond this afternoon and forward to Taryn.

From: Bracewell, Dale
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 12:25 PM
To: Neufeld, Lindsay
Subject: FW: Adanac Overpass and Bridgeway
Importance: High

Lindsay, has there been a reply?

From: Harvie, Taryn
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 12:23 PM
To: Bracewell, Dale
Cc: Iradia, Benafsha
Subject: FW: Adanac Overpass and Bridgeway
Importance: High

Hi Dale,

Just doing some follow up. Do you know if anyone has responded to this? If so, could you please forward me the response so that I can print and bring to Jerry so he knows it's been taken care of?

Thanks so much,

Taryn

From: Storer, Paul
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2018 12:39 PM
To: Harvie, Taryn; Chou, Winston; Bracewell, Dale
Cc: Iradia, Benafsha; LaClaire, Lon
Subject: RE: Adanac Overpass and Bridgeway

Hi Taryn,

This isn't a TDE issue – I don't know who's responding to this.

Paul

From: Harvie, Taryn
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2018 12:20 PM
To: Storer, Paul; Chou, Winston
Cc: Iradia, Benafsha; LaClaire, Lon
Subject: RE: Adanac Overpass and Bridgeway
Importance: High

Please loop back with me on this one so that we can let Jerry know what the response was. Please keep in mind he really wants these kinds of correspondence emails to be responded to within 48 hours whenever possible.

If you could either bcc me or forward me the response once sent, I will print off and loop back with Jerry that it was handled.

Thanks,
Taryn

From: Iradia, Benafsha
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2018 12:16 PM
To: Harvie, Taryn
Subject: FW: Adanac Overpass and Bridgeway

Regards,
Benafsha

From: Dobrovolny, Jerry
Sent: Monday, May 28, 2018 5:38 PM
To: Chou, Winston; Storer, Paul
Cc: LaClaire, Lon; Iradia, Benafsha
Subject: FW: Adanac Overpass and Bridgeway

For follow up please. Thx

From: s.22(1)
Sent: Monday, May 28, 2018 10:03 AM
To: Dobrovolny, Jerry
Subject: Adanac Overpass and Bridgeway

Good morning,

As a resident of East Vancouver I have found it increasingly difficult to conduct my daily travels due to the closure of the Adanac overpass to vehicle traffic.

With this closure, there is now no East –West connector between Boundary Road and Renfrew, North of 1st Avenue and South of Hastings.

Add to the mix the construction on 1st avenue and this is forcing all the traffic to Hastings now.

As well, when travelling East along McGill heading towards the highway, the Eastbound exit to Bridgeway – there is no left turn onto Bridgeway from 4 to 6pm Monday to Friday – this too leads to added traffic congestion by, yet again, forcing traffic to Hastings.

I would strongly suggest that you reopen the Adanac overpass to vehicle traffic and also remove the left turn restriction onto Bridgeway approaching from McGill exit Eastward.

Kind regards,

s.22(1)

s.22(1)

From: ["LaClaire, Lon" <lon.laclaire@vancouver.ca>](mailto:lon.laclaire@vancouver.ca)
To: ["Harvie, Taryn" <Taryn.Harvie@vancouver.ca>](mailto:Taryn.Harvie@vancouver.ca)
Date: 12/22/2017 1:39:59 PM
Subject: RE: adanac overpass shutdown

Hi Taryn,

This is the email I told you about that I was trying to get out before Christmas. Please have Jordan or someone else on the 6th floor review this response before sending. Also please review for grammar, readability, and spelling.

Thanks
Lon

Hi s.22(1)

At this time, our plans for any changes to Adanac are very much responding to a major construction project coming to your area. The Fortis BC work on 1st Avenue involves the replacement of a gas line. This will result in both partial and full closure of 1st Avenue between Nanaimo and Clark, lasting for a period that is estimated to be four months. Once this work gets underway, we anticipate that Adanac Street would be inundated with arterial traffic in search of an alternate route. We are proposing the temporary closure as a way to protect the neighbourhood from that arterial traffic. We are also aware that traffic shortcutting through the area has been a problem in this neighbourhood. A closure of Adanac may be part of the solution. We commit to monitoring the effect of the temporary closure on non-local commuter traffic in the neighbourhood to evaluate the closure's effectiveness. In my experience we arrive at the best solutions after trying a few different options. I hope that you will stay involved as we use this as an opportunity to trial different options for protecting the neighbourhood from arterial traffic using the neighbourhood as a short cut.

Thank you for taking the time to send us your thoughts on this issue.

Lon

From: s.22(1)
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2017 6:30 AM
To: LaClaire, Lon
Subject: adanac overpass shutdown

Good Morning,

I'm writing you this (pointless) letter regarding your brain dead plan to shut down the adanac overpass. I have zero belief that this is temporary or has not been decided behind closed doors. This government under his majesty Robertson has been a complete joke, and does not listen to the taxpayers (you know, the ones who might need a road to drive to work, take their kids to sporting events, etc...) , and only listen to two things: foreign money and advocates for drug addicts.

I use this road to get my kids to school and take them to sporting events. I'm hoping that you're aware that there are accidents on the Ironworkers bridge multiple times per week, and when this happens, Hastings gets backed up, all three lanes worth, for blocks, preventing any westward travel on it for hours. The adanac overpass provides another way to get west. Your genius plan prevents this. Gregor's war on the car continues. It is truly stunning the scope of your contempt for those of us who work, and in my case, pay well north of \$4,000 per year in property taxes, when you say that the community was consulted, but I haven't met one of my neighbours who has, not one.

I just had to vent, as I know this is a done deal, and you're going to screw us all over anyways,

s.22(1)

From: ["LaClaire, Lon" <lon.laclaire@vancouver.ca>](mailto:lon.laclaire@vancouver.ca)
To: ["Harvie, Taryn" <Taryn.Harvie@vancouver.ca>](mailto:Taryn.Harvie@vancouver.ca)
["Chou, Winston" <winston.chou@vancouver.ca>](mailto:winston.chou@vancouver.ca)
["Neufeld, Lindsay" <Lindsay.Neufeld@vancouver.ca>](mailto:Lindsay.Neufeld@vancouver.ca)
Date: 7/11/2018 2:16:26 PM
Subject: RE: FOR RESPONSE: Citizen Feedback-101011487531

I called s.22(1) at 1:45 and spoke to him for about 30 minutes.

Winston, I'd like to look at some additional temp parking restrictions on Skeena between Hastings and Pender.

Thanks

Lon

From: Harvie, Taryn
Sent: Wednesday, July 11, 2018 9:55 AM
To: LaClaire, Lon
Subject: FOR RESPONSE: Citizen Feedback-101011487531
Importance: High

Hi Lon,

Are you able to follow up and give this citizen a call back? It's another one about Adanac and is unhappy with the responses he's received from staff so Lindsay has asked that I escalate it to you for response. His correspondence is at the bottom of this email chain, and his name/phone number is highlighted below.

s.22(1)

Thanks,

Taryn

From: Neufeld, Lindsay
Sent: Friday, June 29, 2018 2:41 PM
To: Harvie, Taryn
Subject: FW: Citizen Feedback-101011487531

Hi Taryn,

Here is another one re: Adanac Overpass that I'd like to escalate to Lon. This resident has called and emailed numerous times over the past couple of months. Amy Do has spoken with him on the phone at least 2 or 3 times – he is not satisfied with the information he has received and has requested to speak with a supervisor/manager.

I'm assuming Lon wouldn't be able to address this until at least next week, so I'll check in/remind when I'm back.

Cheers,

Lindsay

Citizen Feedback

Case number: 101011487531

Case created: 2018-06-27, 03:47:00 PM

Incident Location

Address: , ,

Address2:

Location name:

Contact Details

Name: s.22(1)

Address: VANCOUVER, V5K 5H7

Address2:

Phone: s.22(1)

Email:

Alt. Phone:

Preferred contact method: Phone

Request Details

1. Describe details (who, what, where, when, why):

The caller stated that the traffic flow (both directions) is unbelievable due to the Adanac Overpass closure. The citizen believes that the COV is closing the Overpass as a result of COV manpower shortages (traffic control).

The citizen stated that (unlike the COV) he has seen 4 policemen out there (three times specifically) writing tickets to cyclists who had run the stop sign by the Overpass.

The citizen further stated that as a result of the closure, local resident's commute times have increased by 30 minutes, as they are forced to drive east to avoid congestion.

The caller also adds that if the overpass stays permanently closed, he may never be able to sell his house, nor would he have purchased it if he had known this was in the city's plan.

He would like a call back from a supervisor, and not Amy Do who has contacted him in the past.

He finds it disheartening that it seems other than residents, nobody else cares about this new situation.

2. Type of feedback:
3. Feedback regarding:
4. Department:
5. Division or Branch Name:
6. Were any other cases or service requests created as a result of this feedback?

- Complaint
- City Department
- Engineering Services
- adanac@vancouver.ca
- No

8. (Don't ask, just record - did caller indicate they want a call back?):

Yes

Additional Details

Map and Photo

- no picture -

From: "LaClaire, Lon" <lon.laclaire@vancouver.ca>
To: "Johnston, Sadhu" <Sadhu.Johnston@vancouver.ca>
"Dobrovolny, Jerry" <jerry.dobrovolny@vancouver.ca>
Date: 1/24/2017 12:02:59 PM
Subject: RE: Parent Community Concerns

Yes, I'll have my team follow up.

From: Johnston, Sadhu
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 10:31 AM
To: Dobrovolny, Jerry; LaClaire, Lon
Cc: CMOOffice
Subject: FW: Parent Community Concerns

Hi jerry and lon
Can you respond to this?
Thanks
Sadhu

From: Louie, Raymond
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 2:29 PM
To: Dr. A. R. Lord PAC
Cc: Robertson, Gregor; Johnston, Sadhu; Dobrovolny, Jerry
Subject: RE: Parent Community Concerns

Dear Ms. Spring,

Thank you for your email as I have been hearing similar complaints from many in our community. As I also live in Hastings Sunrise, I know the traffic has been increasing.

At a council before the holiday season break, I had brought the matter to the attention of the City Manager and the General Manager of Engineering and they informed me that there are plan for traffic management upgrades in the area.

I will ask them to respond directly to you and give you additional information on when this will be occurring.

Sincerely

Acting Mayor Raymond Louie 
Vice-Chair – Metro Vancouver Regional District
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From: Dr. A. R. Lord PAC [<mailto:arlordpac@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, January 16, 2017 6:42 PM
To: Louie, Raymond
Cc: Robertson, Gregor
Subject: Parent Community Concerns

Dear Mr. Louie,

I am writing you on behalf of the parent community at Dr. A.R. Lord Elementary School regarding the traffic concerns in our neighbourhood. In an effort to avoid congestion on Hastings and First Avenue, many commuters use the Adanac overpass over the Cassiar connector and our neighbourhood streets. As a result there is an increasing amount of traffic during the morning and evening rush hour.

Of great concern to our school community is the morning rush hour when our children are travelling to school. Streets like Venables and East Georgia east of Renfrew see a steady stream of commuters who are rushing, rolling through stop signs and refusing to stop for pedestrians. The majority of parents in our community do not feel it is safe to let their kids travel to school without an adult due to safety concerns.

Parents have brought their concerns to the Hastings Sunrise Community Policing Centre on numerous occasions and they have sent out volunteers to monitor problem intersections and have been very responsive. They have noted issues with traffic volume, rolling stops and the disobeying of various traffic calming measures. Commuters however continue to blatantly disobey signs prohibiting left turns off of Boundary during certain morning hours and many drive right over the bollards at Windermere and Adanac.

Enforcement would certainly help in the short term but with increasing development in North Burnaby, this is an issue that is likely to worsen with time. One possible solution may be prohibiting traffic over the Adanac overpass during the morning and evening rush hours. While this would inconvenience some folks in our neighbourhood, it would certainly make our streets much safer. It would be a long term, inexpensive solution that would limit commuter traffic while keeping Adanac available and less congested for cyclists and emergency vehicles.

As a community we are asking for your help to find a solution before there is a tragic accident. Thank you for your time and we look forward to hearing back from you at your earliest convenience.

With Kindest Regards,
Tracy Spring
Dr. A.R. Lord Elementary PAC Co-Chair
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From : LaClaire, Lon<lon.jaclaire@vancouver.ca>
To : Brown, Steve<Steve.Brown@vancouver.ca>
Date : 1/3/2017 6:07:17 PM
Subject : RE: Prior Street Follow Up...

Hilary

This looks good

Thanks
Lon

From: Brown, Steve
Sent: Tuesday, January 3, 2017 4:35 PM
To: LaClaire, Lon
Cc: Quintero, Liliana; Rahmani, Banafsheh; Harvie, Taryn
Subject: FW: Prior Street Follow Up...

Lon

For review and comment. I would like to send out by tomorrow morning if possible.

Banafsheh/ Lilians let me know if you have any further comments and also note for further work in this area.

Steve

Hi s.22(1)

Thank you for your continued interest in safety in your neighbourhood and for the clarification on the two intersections. Based on our latest citywide safety review we believe the crosswalk at Vernon/ Venables would be a good candidate for a pedestrian signal due to collision history, the long crosswalk distance and minimal gaps. The crosswalk at Woodland/ Venables looks like it would be a good candidate for a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon, which we have been piloting at three locations throughout the City. We are just working on a strategy to differentiate them from a pedestrian signal for the visually impaired. You can find more on them here <http://vancouver.ca/trafficandtransit>

I can understand your desire to have slower speeds on Prior Street, however we have found on arterial streets that we have not been successful at achieving speed reductions below 30km/h by adding a lower speed limit sign.

Our approach has been to focus on improving crossing safety, such as the measures identified above for Vernon and Woodland, and explore other measures to help reduce speeds on arterial streets such as the speed reader boards. In the past we have found speed reader boards to be successful in reducing speeds for short durations. This trial on Prior Street will further assess their effectiveness. After this trial we will have more information on the speeds during their install and could also test scenarios such as turning them off for a week and back on to assess the effectiveness.

Until we have assessed their effectiveness we do not want to further deploy speed reader boards, however if we find them effective we would be open to the idea of privately funded boards. We will also use the data from the trial to better inform time periods when the speeding is occurring. This will help to inform requests for any additional enforcement activities.

Let me know if you have any further questions.

Regards
Steve

From: s.22(1)
Sent: M
To: Neufeld, Lindsay
Cc: Guilbault, Lynn; Kerstetter, Alan; Wiebe, Jesse; Kascha, Mark; Rahmani, Banafsheh
Subject: Re: Prior Street Follow Up...

Hi Lindsay

Nice to meet you and thank you for getting back. Please see response below in red. We have also forwarded to to Lynn, Alan, Jesse, Mark and Banafsheh to keep them in the loop.

From: "Neufeld, Lindsay" <lindsay.neufeld@vancouver.ca>
To: s.22(1)
Cc: Guilbault, Lynn <lynn.guilbault@vancouver.ca>
Sent: Friday, December 9, 2016 4:53 PM
Subject: RE: Prior Street Follow Up...

Hi s.22(1)

Thank you for sending the email below. I work with Lynn Guilbault and am coordinating the public consultation for the upcoming Union-Adams Corridor spot improvements.

Regarding the items you identified:
☐ Glen/Woodland intersections...We referred to one crosswalk at Glen by accident. They are actually the crosswalks at Vernon and Woodland. Not Glen – our Traffic and Data Management (TDM) team will discuss these locations when they meet with the SRA in January about our safety action plan. We did forward some recent pics of both crosswalks to Mark after our meeting when we viewed the speed reader boards last week. The photos show the crosswalks are in need of new paint for sure. Will be good to see what else you have planned for them as they sure are not as safe as they could be. In fact we almost saw a pedestrian struck crossing at Vernon when we were taking the photos. I have attached the same pics.
☐ Truck speed at Strathcona Park – the truck-only speed zone implemented on McGill Street was in response to a 400% increase in truck traffic on that stretch due to the Clark Drive overpass closure. It was intended to be temporary and the signage will be removed in the near future now that the overpass is reopened. Our TDM team does not see a similar reason in this corridor for implementing a speed limit for trucks that is different from that for general traffic. The "truck only" speed reduction was a compromise suggestion to our original request of a 30km/h "all vehicle zone" at the park. Unless COV can come up with other speed reduction ideas that will actually drop the average speeds drastically then we will have to go back and insist the 30km/h "all vehicle zone" is implemented. Unfortunately all other improvements that have been done so far have essentially done nothing to slow average speeds. This continues to be the number one thing that needs to happen that would increase safety drastically. We have heard this from:

- The Independent Consultants that COV hired
- The VPD
- The Parks Board
- Numerous radar gun tests
- Resident Surveys
- Community Centers
- Senior Care Homes
- Numerous COV Reps
- Prior Street Safety Committee
- etc... Anyone who knows the road knows it is unsafe at the present average speeds.

As said before...there have been many vehicles leave the road at the "S" curve over the past year at velocities that destroyed sections of the park fence on the south and exploded huge sections of a cement Senior Care Home fence to the north. Luckily no one was walking there at the time or waiting at the bus stops. Also red lights continue to be run because traffic is too fast, people do not feel safe using Prior or accessing the park etc.

So unfortunately since COV will not reduce truck speed, we request again that we have the speed dropped to 30km/h for "all traffic" unless other speed calming ideas are implemented asap that will ensure the same drastic decrease result to average speed.

☐ Police enforcement – I am working on identifying the best contact person for you to discuss this with at VPD. I will be in touch again when I have their information. Will stay tuned to hear who we should be talking to but please do not leave it up to us however to try to pin down a schedule and location for enforcement. When you and your team involved there is a better chance that the COV promise of a schedule and more enforcement will actually happen. Also you are the professionals that know what would work best so we need your input to ensure enforcement is carried out in the most effective way at the most effective locations.

We saw the speed reader boards that are supposed to go up in the next week or so. This is great!! Thank you! This combined with Police Enforcement could help safety considerably. Is someone communication with VPD to have them do enforcement at, or near, the park when these boards go up? We have been told by numerous COV staff and traffic consultants that this is crucial to the speed board introduction being successful.

Other points:

-We mentioned to Mark that we may be able to raise the funds to pay for another permanent speed reader board for the park to work in conjunction with the two that come and go on a schedule. Are willing to hear if this is interesting to your team and if you think it will help. We believe it could work well with the temp boards and are offering to possibly pay if it helps make a difference.

-Mark is also looking into better signage to let drivers know they are passing a playground/park. At present there is one small sign at either end of the park that are not very noticeable at all.

-As mentioned one big issue is red light running of all types of vehicles. We are in discussions with ICBC to install red light running cameras in a few locations throughout the corridor. Will let you know if we are successful with our requests.

We look forward to your reply and thank you all again for everything that you and your team are doing to make Prior safer!











Sincerely
Prior Street Safety Committee

Best regards
Lindsay

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From: s.22(1)
Sent: Friday, December 02, 2016 8:08 AM
To: Karstetter, Alan; Webe, Jesse; Guitbau t, Lynn
Subject: Pw: Prior Street Follow Up...

Good morning

I hope everyone is having a great week. I thought I should update you on where we are at to keep you in the loop.

We are looking a meeting for Wed Dec7 to head over to see the speed reader boards at National. Please join if you like. I can send you the time of the meeting later today or Monday if you want to come. We are really looking forward to seeing them and hearing where they are going.

Can you please update me on the remaining improvements in the next day or two so I can update the rest of the Committee members and the SRA early next week? Outstanding improvement items are:

- Massive Crossover improvements at Glen and Woodland...at a min
- Truck speed at Strathcona Park dropping to 30kmh
- Police enforcement commitment of hours per week/month and locations near the park where they will concentrate

It sounds like the speed reader boards are going to be permanent now? Is this the case? We assume this because they are waiting to be installed on new poles that have to be put in. Maybe they will be like the ones that are at the South end of Night Street that work non stop. I assume we will find out more about this Wed.

Anyways... We are trying to wait patiently but would really like to hear asap about these items and any other improvements that are happening.

Thank you
Sincerely
s.22(1)

----- For: Alan
From: s.22(1)
To: Alan Karstetter <alan.karstetter@vancouver.ca>; Jesse Webe <jesse.webe@vancouver.ca>; Lynn Guitbau t <lynn.guitbau t@vancouver.ca>
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2016 5:18 PM
Subject: Prior Street Follow Up...

Hello again everyone

We have a few weeks overdue on some things. Can you please update us ASAP this week regarding progress on speed reader board location and schedule, Police enforcement schedule, crosswalk improvements at Glen/Woodland and truck speed decrease adjacent to Strathcona Park? As of this morning there are no speed readers set up on Prior/Venables from the Viaducts to Clark. Our understanding is that you were waiting for a study to determine where the boards should be placed. While we wait we'd like to suggest mounting one on a pole just east of Raymour for westbound traffic and somewhere around 768 Prior for eastbound traffic. These locations should help slow speeds before the "S" curve heading west and at the care home, just before the park, heading east. This quick start solution should help to reduce speeding and increase pedestrian safety and comfort until your study is done.

Speaking of speed control...Below is another update of what a few minutes on Prior is like...this time with a radar gun.

Attached are pics of speeds taken from approx 7:10-7:20am Thurs Nov 10 while standing at the bus stop on the North side of the street at Hawks/Prior and checking speeds of vehicles heading West. Strathcona Park is visible in the background. All these vehicles have just sped past the park.

The radar gun is calibrated +/- 1mph. This is a busy area in the morning as many people wait at this bus stop, cross the street at the light, seniors walk to the park and numerous large trucks turn east or west off Hawks.

There were approx 40 radar tests done in that time. The highest test was 46mph(74kmh) but one vehicle was missed that was well in excess of 90kmh. out cars were traveling in excess of 40mph and speeds were so fast that it was pretty much "aim the gun at any vehicle and they were speeding to some extent." As fast as we could get a reading on one, another two raced past. Standing at the bus stop, that close to lane changing speeding traffic, left an extremely unsettling feeling. It was risky and we worry for the citizens that actually have to do that daily.

Please note that it was a beautiful fall day and the road and sky were clear. Almost perfect driving conditions. A few days before, when viewing traffic from the same location, the speeds were roughly the same but the rain and wind were pounding which made it even more dangerous for everyone.

You all probably know these mph vs kmh numbers off by heart already but here is a chart to help translate speeds anyways as the gun is in mph. Km/h has been rounded to the nearest number:

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35 56
36 58
37 60
38 61
39 63
40 64
41 66
42 68
43 69
44 71
45 72
46 74

This is just one more example that illustrates speed/safety issues along that stretch of Prior are a huge problem and the speed at the park needs to be dropped. These high speeds combined with the numerous vehicles leaving the road surface at the "S" curve the independent report saying reduction in speed is critical to safety as well as ongoing and consistent community feedback that's been brought to your attention should be enough to warrant prompt action.

We are really looking forward to your reply this week on what will be done to make the street safe before there are more injuries and accidents. Please let us know if you would like to spend some time out there with us and our radar gun and we would be happy to make it happen.

Thank you
Sincerely
Prior Street Safety Committee