

November 26, 2002

Dear Petitioning Resident,

RE: Traffic Calming – Woodlawn Avenue West

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your petition received November 13, 2002. Please find attached a letter to Mr. Stephen Benjamin, Manager, Traffic Operations, District One, which includes St. Paul's, Ward 22. As you will see from the attached communication, I have requested that Mr. Benjamin's department prepare a report on your request for traffic calming on Woodlawn Avenue West.

The process to achieve traffic calming on your street will take a considerable amount of time. The report requested will likely take from 3 to 4 months to be completed and reported to Midtown Community Council. If the report recommends installation of speed humps, Transportation and City Clerk's staff are requested to poll the residents of your street. This part of the process can take an additional 2-3 months.

The results of the poll referred to above are then reported back to Midtown Community Council and if successful (*60% in favour with at least 50% response rate* of residents polled) the actual installation of the speed humps will wait in queue until funding can be secured. In the 2002 City budget, against my recommendations, City Council cut funding for traffic calming from \$750,000 to \$480,000 per annum while at that time there was a back log of \$1.2 million in traffic calming already approved by City Council. This deficiency in funding for traffic calming has created a wait-list governed by a priority ranking system that could substantially delay installation. As you can see, the process of approval will take from 5-7 months to complete with an additional wait for installation dependant on funding which will likely add another year or more.

I will be in contact with you once I have received the report on your request from Mr. Benjamin. At that point I will hold a public meeting in your community with you, your fellow residents and Transportation staff for the purpose of reporting the results of the study. I have found these meetings to be very valuable to the community and provide information to your neighbours that can help them make a more enlightened decision when they receive the poll from the City.

Thank you for your petition and I look forward to working with you on this project.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Walker
Councillor – Ward 22

Cc// All petitioning residents of Woodlawn Avenue West
Mr. Stephen Benjamin, Manager, Traffic Operations, District One