

Memorandum

To: Mayor Steele and Members of Council
From: Councillor Harry Wells
Date: April 26, 2021
Re: Public Safety at Road Crossing on the Friendship Trail

Throughout 2019 and 2020 there have been many emails from concerned citizens living on and using roads where the Friendship Trail crosses the roads. There has been a number of reported near misses where a cyclist using the trail was almost struck when they suddenly appeared in front of a motorist because the sightlines were obscured, and the cyclist didn't stop.

The Parks and Recreation staff were to identify crossing where a "ZIGZAG" (an off-set open gateway structure that impedes traffic) would slow down bicycle traffic on the trail prior to the trail's junction with the road and prepare a report on the number needed and associated cost to install the ZIGZAGs.

With the warm weather and people using the Trail more due to the pandemic concerns are again being received. Some of the concerns were made worse by people parking on the roadside and then using the trail blocking even more of the sight lines as shown in the attached picture.

I am requesting that Council approve the following motion:

The Director of Public Works undertake a review of the road junctions and the Friendship Trail for sight line obstructions and consideration of parking areas to ensure sight triangles are unobstructed and consistent with the Comprehensive Zoning By-law 6575/30/18 and bring back to Council in the second quarter a report with recommendations.

Thank you for your consideration,

Harry Wells
Ward 4 Councillor

Junction of the Friendship Trail and Cedar Bay Road

