Langley, BC, V3A 4B3

Grade Crescent Crosswalk: A Student Safety Liability

Dear Mayor Van Den Broek and fellow Councilors:

I am writing this letter to inform you of the dangerous "crosswalk" and "walkway" conditions along Grade Crescent that are used by students travelling to Simonds Elementary and H D Stafford Schools.

1. Walkway from Grade Crescent to Simonds Elementary School photograph 1

This **dirt – gravel walkway provides access** from Grade Crescent to **Simonds Elementary School**. This is a hazardous walkway to parents who use infant strollers and walk with young children. This walkway gets quite "muddy" when it rains. **This walkway is in need of an urgent paved upgrade.** A solution to this walkway is presented in photographs 2 and 3.

2. Crosswalk from walkway to Simonds Elementary School photograph 4

There is NO marked crosswalk on the road from the end of the walkway to the school. This is where parents and students cross the road. **This is a proposed crosswalk in need of white road markings**. A solution to this crosswalk is presented in photograph 5.

On September 10, I made a presentation to the Parent Advisory Council and principal, Mr. Paul Trattle, at Simonds Elementary School concerning these matters. They were well received and are looking forward to these improvements.

It is time to be proactive on safety and upgrade these unsafe crosswalk and walkway conditions.

I look forward to your reply and I am available to meet with you.

Yours truly,

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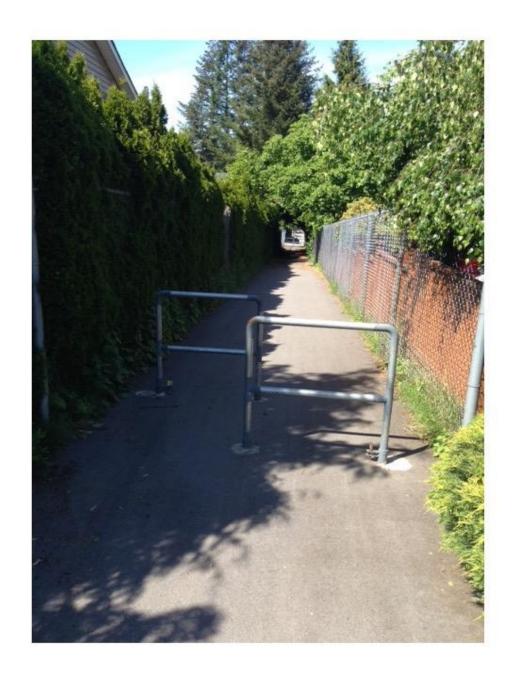
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Cc Rick Bomhof, director of engineering, parks & environment, Langley



Photograph 1: Walkway from Grade Crescent to Simonds Elementary School



Photograph 2: Paved access walkway with access barriers, 203 Street to 48 Avenue.



Photograph 3: Paved access walkway with access barriers, 202 Street to 203 Street.



Photograph 4: Need a painted Crosswalk from the walkway to Simonds Elementary School