

MayorandCouncillors

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Subject: Public Hearing 7:00pm April 16th

Attention: Mayor and Councillors,
Email submission

We are 28 year residents of 5931 Goldeneye Place Richmond, and we are against additional traffic lights installation in our neighborhood. (At Swallow and Kingfisher)

The purpose of traffic lights;

In order to manage the increasing volume of traffic, traffic lights play an important role in traffic management. Traffic lights can also be important installed properly thereby improving air quality and safety on the streets. Traffic lights when installed, should better the traffic pattern for the majority of vehicles, on the routes they are installed.

Why it does not work in conjunction with the proposed Anthem Properties townhouse development?

1. Richmond should resist allowing traffic signals in places where the benefit is only for a small amount of residents. In the current case, the traffic lights installed will significantly benefit the market value/marketability of the real estate development. Community benefit of the new traffic light installations, is minimal at best.
2. The traffic light is designed to assist the Anthem Property developments residents with turning left on to Steveston Hwy. **Stopping** 30 to 50 vehicles so one or two vehicles can turn left onto Steveston Hwy, is not a reasonable solution for the Westwind community to benefit/satisfy a developer's problem.
3. While the volume of traffic has increased on Steveston Hwy, it has not increased to a level where turning left from either exit on Swallow or Kingfisher, is a problem or concern.
4. The proposed traffic signals will be detrimental to the operational efficiency of Steveston Highway and will increase some types of traffic collisions, and create additional traffic congestion.
5. In a short 1.6 Kilometer distance, having two more traffic lights will be creating a short length of roadway with **5 traffic lights**. This is a traffic light on average, for every .3 km. How insane is this?
6. One can look to the pedestrian controlled light at the Buddhist temple and see how congestion is affected on Steveston Hwy between the main intersections (3rd & 4rd) that currently exist.

Our disapproval is not exhaustive and we would request the City provide or make available information to the reasons this proposal is before council.

Regards,

Chris & Denise Couzelis, Richmond BC

