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City Managers, Administrators and Elected Officials.

I currently reside at 2930 Vista Ridge Drive. We have lived there for approximately three months. Previously, we lived outside the city limits.

Personally I am not opposed to well thought out and planned development. Unfortunately, I have little confidence with decisions being made by our city administrators and elected officials regarding development.

The Southridge development an important decision being made. Is it necessary, not really, lots of other developments and building lots are available. Will it sit empty as the development at Tyner and Hwy 16 west did for many years, probably. I don't get it, why can't we "slow down", take a deep breath and require developers to complete quality homes, with completed frontyards and driveways, with necessary drainage, etc., as we observe in other communities. Okay, better leave this train of thought and move on to details. The lists provided below are "some" of the problems already associated with the area of the development, it can only get worse unless the city and developers act now.

The City must do the following:

- * Police speed limits, highly excessive speeds on Domano, Southridge, St. Lawrence, O'Grady, etc.
- * Repair and upgrade existing roads leading into proposed subdivision, i.e. Domano, Southridge, St. Lawrence and O' Grady, conditions are horrific.
- * Install traffic circles at existing high volume intersections, i.e. O'Grady and Southridge, Southridge and St. Lawrence
- * Upgrade city roads, entrances and exits into shopping on Domano, i.e. Save On, these are amazingly atrocious and dangerous, try turning left up O'Grady from the parking lot at Save On.
- * Build new access and departures road/s into and from College Heights, currently, Domano, Southridge and Cowart are the only ones, I wonder if any of you have walked along any of these roads during morning rush, wow, the noise, gawd help us all if there is forest fire, how do we get out of the area. Similar situation recently at Juniper Ridge in Kamloops.

- * Build promised parks now, not later, a green patch of empty ground is not a park, why change community plans from park/green belt to residential?
- * Monitor developments, "check grades, services, etc. " Why can't we demand, finished driveways, walkways, etc. How many driveways in College Heights are still gravel?
- * Build schools, facilities for kids, i.e. parks, teen accessible facilities
- * Are adequate sewage, water, hydro, gas infrastructures in place?

The developers should do the following:

- * provide sidewalks, reasonable curbs, appropriately placed services, i.e. Shaw box too far below property grades, drainage problems, etc.
- * minimize noise, dust, etc. during construction
- * how will the construction machinery and materials get into the area, will it all be brought up through a residential area with children riding their bicycles down the road, why does it often take a tragic event to change
- * developers should clean up their garbage, amazing how much trash blows around our neighbourhood due to construction, i.e. insulation, etc.
- * provide an accurate timeline, not spread over 10 years.
- * provide green belts, buffers between our neighbourhood and Southridge development
- * leave trees in the area, most "newish" subdivision are an eyesore, areas are totally logged and are a mud heaps.

A well planned and thought out new subdivision would require the responsibilities as listed of the city and developers. Come on guys, lets make this a great place to live!!

Sincerely

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