

December 14, 2017

Mayor Jack Froese  
Town of Langley  
20338 – 65<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Langley, BC V2Y 3J1

**Re: Portion of 216<sup>th</sup> Street from Hwy. 1 to 88<sup>th</sup> Ave to become a designated truck route**

Mayor Jack Froese:

I understand that the Township of Langley is proposing changes to the truck routes in North Langley such that the portion of 216<sup>th</sup> Street from Hwy. 1 to 88<sup>th</sup> Ave will become a designated truck route. The CSF is concerned that upon the opening of the 216<sup>th</sup> interchange, not only will there be an increase in commercial truck traffic that travels immediately in front of our school, but it will actually be encouraged via a truck route designation.

The CSF is extremely concerned with the health and safety of its students and staff. The health concerns, specifically related to air pollution and the proximity of our school children to the road infrastructure, have also attracted the attention of highly respected and qualified environmental professors such as Dr. Chris Carlsten, Dr. Hugh Davies, and Dr. David Boyd. The CSF fails to understand how encouraging heavy commercial transport vehicles to travel in such proximity to our school buildings, parking lot, and playground areas is in the best interests of our preschool and elementary-aged children, as well as staff.

As traffic volume and commercial truck volume increases, so will the risks of accidents. The chain-link fence around the perimeter of the school could easily be compromised by even the most minor of accidents and has the potential for regrettable consequences given the positioning of the school play areas. Furthermore, the safety of our school buses entering and exiting École des Voyageurs property at peak times, on a narrow road divided by a concrete median, is at risk as they converge with truck traffic and negotiate the intersection of 216<sup>th</sup> St & 88<sup>th</sup> Ave while transporting school children.

We urge the Township to reconsider the proposed truck route changes and to instead propose traffic calming measures to 216<sup>th</sup> Street that protect the community, including the École des Voyageurs families, as the CSF and the Township are entrusted to do.

Sincerely,



Marie-France Lapierre  
Board Chair

Cc: Laura Grefford, PAC  
Isabelle Baril, Principal, École des Voyageurs