

## ERIC HAMBER SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Mr. Cooper:

RE: Children's & Women's Health Centre of BC Master Plan/Rezoning

It has been brought to my attention that in the rezoning plans for Children's & Women's Health Centre that it has been proposed to change the alternate access point from Heather Street to Willow Street. Any plan that would result in an increase in traffic on Willow Street is a concern to the parents, students, and staff of Eric Hamber Secondary School.

Traffic congestion and safety concerns have been topics of discussion throughout the school year at our Staff Committee Meetings and our Parent Advisory Committee Meetings. In spite of encouraging people to bike to work and winning an award in the Bike to Work campaign for the most commutes logged at a facility of over 1000, we still face significant traffic congestion as parents drop off and pick up their children from school. Parents have voiced concerns about unsafe passing on 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and on Willow Street.

I believe that adding to the volume of traffic on Willow Street will exacerbate the traffic safety concerns that already exist. For the safety of the 1600 plus students and staff members who travel to and from Eric Hamber throughout the school year, I hope that you will reconsider using Willow as an access point to Children's & Women's Health Centre.

Should you wish to discuss this matter, you may contact me at 604-713-8927 or e-mail me at [dgood@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:dgood@vsb.bc.ca)

Sincerely,

Dianne Good  
Principal

cc Carrie Bercic, PAC Chair  
David Smith, Staff Committee Chair  
Bob Breen, Chief Project Officer  
Suzanne Anton, Councillor