

# McKellar Park Community Association



## MCKELLAR PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION TRAFFIC STUDY MEETING

Our community has been part of a City-sponsored traffic study. Your McKellar Park Community Association (MPCA) is working to reduce traffic and make sure that development fits the community. Come find out what has been happening regarding traffic in your community and have your say on what should be done to make improvements. Please join us:

Where: **Dovercourt Recreation Centre, Studio**

When: **Monday April 20, 2009, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.**

### **What's the Problem?**

Some McKellar Park streets are being used by a high volume of cut through traffic as a fast, convenient alternative to slower, less convenient main arterial roads (e.g.: Carling, Woodroffe, Kirkwood) to access locations around our community like Westboro Village.

### **What the City Says**

The City acknowledges the problem of traffic volume and speed. However the City says that the majority of the traffic in the community is local residential and not cut-through traffic. The City has recommended modest measures to address speed.

### **What the MPCA Says**

The City is wrong and we proved it. City guidelines say that a street with more than 25% cut-through traffic warrants mitigation measures. The MPCA conducted its own traffic survey on Fraser Avenue, showing that the majority of cars using this street to enter and exit McKellar Park were cut-through traffic.

### **What Streets Are Most At Risk?**

Fraser is a severe and dangerous problem now, but currently planned developments surrounding McKellar Park will extend this problem to the entire community. Proposed developments over the next twenty years could add up to 4000 housing units along the Richmond Road corridor. This is why the MPCA wants to act now.

### **What has the City Proposed?**

Modest measures such as speed bumps on Fraser Avenue. The City admits this will not reduce cut-through traffic on this street, which was never intended to accommodate these volumes and speeds.

### **What is the MPCA Proposing?**

Closing the five most at risk streets where they meet Sherbourne Avenue. These are Fraser, Windermere, Courtenay, Rowanwood and Redwood. This would still leave 14 entrances to McKellar Park unaffected for its residents. This would eliminate McKellar Park as a fast and convenient cut through route by pushing this traffic back onto arterial roads such as Carling Avenue, Richmond Road, and the Queensway.

### **What's the Impact?**

The impact of the proposed approach is just over a minute or so to travel time for residents wanting access to McKellar Park from Carling Avenue.

### **Were other Measures Considered?**

The MPCA considered alternatives that had various benefits and impacts. Some could push cut-through traffic to other McKellar Park streets; others were complicated and would have required significant enforcement measures to ensure they worked. Our goal was a solution that stopped cut-through traffic and that was fair to all residents. The proposed approach does this effectively.

### **Is this really necessary?**

Yes. This solution is the only one proposed so far which has the potential to eliminate cut-through traffic now and for the future.

This is the Community's chance to preserve all those things that make our community such a special place. We have very strong support from our Councillor, Christine Leadman, but to convince City Council to do more for McKellar Park, we need a strong show of community support for traffic measures.

If you support measures to protect our community from the dangers of cut-through traffic that impacts the quality of life in McKellar Park, attend the meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup>

For updates please visit the MPCA website at [www.mckellarpark.org](http://www.mckellarpark.org).

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