

Monday, December 7, 2020

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RE: Traffic Safety at Ottawa's Conroy Pit

Dear Mr. Nussbaum and Mayor Watson,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Riverside Park Community Association in River Ward to call on the National Capital Commission and the City of Ottawa to help make the Conroy Pit Park safe for all two- and four-legged users.

As you know, the Conroy Pit Park is an NCC multi-use park located in the City of Ottawa's south end. The park has a toboggan hill and one of the largest off-leash dog areas of its kind, which is popular with families and dog-owners year-round. The park is a favourite for residents of our neighbourhood and an asset to everyone in Ottawa.

We were alarmed to learn of a recent incident in which a dog was struck and injured on Conroy Rd. Though concerning, this incident was not surprising given the tiny parking lot that currently intends to serve the many park users. At the best of times, the limited parking lot spaces available force many users to park along Conroy Rd, where adults, children and canines are perilously close to fast moving traffic. However, the pandemic has seen an increase in outdoor activities, as local residents seek safe outdoor recreation.

We add the voice of our community association to the group of park users who have [started a petition](#) to raise concern over major safety issues that threaten the well-being of all park-goers at Conroy Pit.

Together, we appeal to both of you to take the following action:

- The NCC should enlarge the Conroy Pit parking lot to accommodate the already large and steadily increasing number of park users; and
- The City of Ottawa should lower the posted speed limit on the applicable portion of Conroy Road to 40 km/h and by install speed bumps and/or other traffic-calming measures to protect the public who use the park.

We hope that you will share our concern about traffic safety at Conroy Pit and take immediate action to reduce speeds and improve parking.

Please keep us informed of any actions you take, and feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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