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**SUBJECT: Request for a 3-Way Stop at Fielding Dr/Southmore Dr W Intersection**

Dear Councillor Brockington,

At the April 7, 2021 meeting of the Board of Directors, the Riverside Park Community Association (RPCA) passed a motion in support of a community-led appeal for a 3-way stop at the intersection of Fielding Dr and Southmore Drive W.

The RPCA decision followed a two-year campaign from local residents to secure for a **3-way stop** at this intersection.

The 3-way intersection at Fielding Dr. and Southmore Drive W is uncontrolled, yet carries the majority of vehicular traffic in and out of the immediate neighbourhood.

The sidewalk on Fielding Dr ends at this intersection, and there are no sidewalks on this stretch of Southmore Dr. On the NE corner of the intersection is bus stop for OC Transpo and local school buses; on the SW corner is a community mailbox and the entrance to a pedestrian tunnel under the VIA Rail train bridge. The mailbox attracts stopped vehicles and itself creates a visual barrier obstructing motorists' sight-line of the public tunnel, which is well used by cyclists, pedestrians and dog-walkers.

As a result of all of these factors, this intersection is a hub of activity and a pinch-point for all forms of traffic, yet there are no stop signs. Local residents strongly believe it is dangerous in all three directions.

Fielding Dr is a residential street with a middle-school and is home to many families with young children. Despite being designated a "traffic-calmed neighbourhood," with a posted speed limit of 40 km/hr, there are no traffic stops on the entire length of the road. The result is that many vehicles accumulate considerable speed when they reach the intersection in question.

In response to the community appeal, the city installed a seasonal traffic calming flex-stick in late spring 2020, at the entrance to the cyclist/pedestrian tunnel. After a full season of experience with the new flex-stick, River Ward Councillor Riley Brockington solicited community feedback in November 2020 to assess public satisfaction with this traffic calming measure.

In response, residents from over 40 households (listed at the bottom of this letter, and including those immediately around the intersection) wrote personal emails describing the inadequacy of the flex stick and directly requesting a full 3-way stop instead (several residents called for additional measures, such as speed bumps). All of the respondents documented the many ways in which the flex-stick failed to calm traffic and actually augmented safety concerns, by causing more erratic driver behaviour on a narrow street.

There is a broad community consensus that nothing short of a 3-way stop will adequately address the safety concerns.

Therefore, on behalf of the residents of Riverside Park, the RPCA is asking the City of Ottawa to install a 3-way stop at the intersection of Fielding Dr. and Southmore Drive W.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Joel Duff', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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