

Email letter to MP McKenna, NCC, RCMP and City of Ottawa

Hello all:

As all of you know, Island Park Drive is owned by the NCC and is considered part of the federal parkway system. Traffic enforcement is therefore conducted by the RCMP.

I received a call recently from our contact at the RCMP, who told us that, beginning in the fall, the number of traffic constables patrolling federal jurisdiction in Ottawa will be cut from eight to four.

Speaking for the Island Park Community Association, I am extremely concerned over this cut in service. The timing is terrible: the RCMP is responsible for the SirJAM Parkway and IPD, and the City is about to run a bus detour that will last four years to build the LRT Phase 2 that will affect these two corridors. On one of the maps, below, we see that the intersections of IPD at both the Sir JAM and Scott Street are both considered failed intersections now. At a recent presentation about the detour, I asked the City representative about these intersections and what would happen: he simply said "Well, they will get worse."

So. We have more traffic; fewer constables on patrol.

There is no other enforcement now for IPD other than the RCMP. We understand there was an MOU between the Ottawa Police Service and the RCMP that was allowed to expire a few years ago, leaving us with only the RCMP resources, which have now been cut in half.

If the RCMP cannot provide enforcement, especially during the Phase 2 of the LRT, who will do it? The school crossing guards?

We insist on understanding why the federal government has made this decision. The residents of Island Park pay taxes like everyone else in Ottawa, yet we have less traffic calming and less enforcement activity to protect us. Why is that?

We ask that our Member of Parliament, Minister McKenna, organize a meeting with the IPCA, NCC, RCMP, the City and Councillor Leiper to explain this decision and to develop an enforcement plan for our street.

Many thanks
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The Entire Presentation
http://www.stage2lrt.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/FIN_Scott_Detour_Presentation.pdf.

The City's report card on intersections: D/F failed intersections for the SirJAM and Scott

