

We are also writing in support of the motion regarding Racing, Stunting and Excessive Vehicular Noise being presented to Council on August 26, 2020 as well as requesting further action to taken with respect to the many issues relating to 9th Avenue North.

We have attached a copy email below as it sets out exactly the concerns that we have previously written to the Mayor, Councillor Mancinelli and the Provincial Government about on numerous occasions. Attached is a copy of the most recent email sent.

Thank you for your consideration.

Wendy and Laurie Walter

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TO: Honourable Greg Ottenbreit, Minister of Highways and Transportation
Mayor Michael Fougere
Fred Antunes, Deputy Minister of Highways and Transportation
Jason Mancinelli, City Councillor Ward 9

My husband and my home backs onto 9th Avenue North just east of Pinkey Road. I am writing once again regarding the increased traffic but more so about the semitrucks now allowed to use this road (usage change implemented by the City of Regina in 2019). I am not sure whose decision it was to change 9th Avenue North into a truck route as a result of the west Bypass. We knew there would be increased traffic behind our house due to the bypass but not allowing semis to travel so close to our homes.

The noise level has hugely increased especially from constant semis which also is rattling the house. Most vehicles, including most semis, are travelling faster than the posted 70 km which also increases the issues. It is noisy enough sitting in the house BUT COME AND TRY AND SIT AND RELAX ON OUR DECK the view is watching constant noisy traffic.

The south end of the west Bypass was extended quite a distance from the outskirts of the city but in the north end you now have truck traffic driving right beside the residences. You could have kept the truck route entering Regina from Hwy 11 via Albert Street to Ring Road. Bypass should have been only for truck traffic connecting Highway 11 and 1 and easy access to the Global Hub. This lets the trucks travel at higher speeds, they do not have to continually stop at the traffic lights. Also portions of 9th don't even have a shoulder – I see this is a hazard issue. There are also semis hauling gas right behind us – also a hazard so close to residences.

Provincial and civic political parties knew that there would be an increase in traffic which equates to noise and nothing was/has been done to protect the residences backing onto 9th. You have decreased the value of our home, which in my husband and my case is part of our retirement funding down the road. Nor have we seen a deduction in taxes.

This situation will only get worse and we know that eventually 9th Avenue North is going to be turned into a 4 lane road!

Sincerely,

Wendy Walter