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March 2, 2022

Dear Resident,

Re: Glassford Road Traffic Calming & Survey II

In August 2021, the south end of Glassford Road was closed on a trial basis, in order to assess if a permanent closure would create the desired effect of a shared neighbourhood road that is safe for all users. To accurately determine how this change affected local vehicular activity, traffic counts were completed in the surrounding area before and during the road closure.

On January 11, 2022, a verbal report was provided to Council on the Glassford Road trial closure. Compared to traffic counts conducted in July 2021 (prior to the road closure), daily traffic counts conducted in August 2021 (following the road closure) showed that:

- Traffic on Glassford Road fell by 66% (-385 vehicles);
- Traffic on Gower Point Road increased by 17% (+241 vehicles);
- Traffic on Dogwood increased by 97% (+90 vehicles);
- Traffic on Blain Lane increased by 725% (from about 8 vehicles/day to 66 vehicles/day); and
- Traffic on Franklin fell by 10% (-58 vehicles).

The large increase in traffic on Blain Lane triggered its temporary closure in late November 2021, as it is a short gravel laneway that is not built for large amounts of traffic. After this closure, a third traffic count in December showed that the vehicles that had adjusted to using Blain Lane after the initial Glassford closure, shifted to using Dogwood Lane. There were other minor fluctuations in traffic volumes at the other locations, largely due to seasonal changes in traffic.

Before Council decides whether to permanently close Glassford Road at Gower Point Road, they would like to hear from neighbourhood residents as to their experience of the closure. Feedback is being collected in several ways, including:

- A neighbourhood survey:
 - Complete the survey online at: gibsons.ca/glassford-road
 - o Request a hard copy of the survey by calling Town Hall at 604.886.2274
- Correspondence to Infrastructure Department:
 - Email: infrastructure@gibsons.ca (please use subject line: Glassford Road closure)

Regular mail: Town of Gibsons, PO Box 340., Gibsons, BC, VON 1VO
Attention: Infrastructure Services

Please review the attached Frequently Asked Questions sheet for additional information before submitting your comments.

Feedback will be collected until Monday, March 14th at 9am.

Subsequently, all comments will be gathered and presented to Committee of the Whole on March 15, 2022, in order to help them with the decision-making process.

As you are a resident of the affected neighbourhood, we encourage you to complete a survey and/or write to our department to share your thoughts on this initiative.

Thank you in advance for your time.

Sincerely,

Dave Newman

Director of Infrastructure Services email: infrastructure@gibsons.ca

