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ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS
WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL

CONCERN:

WE HAVE A CABIN AT 4952 MORGAN DRIVE, AND WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE TEMPORARY REOPENING OF COTTONWOOD DRIVE TO SUPPOSEDLY 1-WAY NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC. UNFORTUNATELY, A FAIR NUMBER OF DRIVERS HAVE CHOSEN TO IGNORE THE "NO LEFT TURN" AND "DO NOT ENTER" SIGNS, CREATING A QUITE DANGEROUS SITUATION— ESPECIALLY FOR PEDESTRIANS. ALSO, OVER THE YEARS, A NUMBER OF VEHICLES HAVE WOUND UP IN THE RAVINE ON THE WEST SIDE OF COTTONWOOD DRIVE. IT DOES NOT SEEM OVERLY INCONVENIENT FOR THE VERY FEW FOLKS THIS DANGEROUS SITUATION SERVES TO HAVE TO MAKE THE LOOP VIA BEACHVIEW AND ANDERSON

CAL AND LINDA SHARPE
4952 MORGAN DRIVE

January 2019

Hello Neighbour

Subject: Temporary Opening of the N.E. intersection of Morgan Drive and Cottonwood

The County Engineer has determined that "for the safety of the public" the above mentioned intersection should remain temporarily open until such time as road repair on the Drive is complete. This road was opened as temporary relief to Drive residents on the days following the wind storm. The emergency is over, portions of the road on the Drive are closed and adequate re routing and signage is in place for residents to use Beach Way.

As you may be aware, this road repair will take some time possibly commencing September 2019 and this road is to remain open until such time. The summer time will bring additional traffic, and once they start repairs on the Drive we will of course be seeing large oversized trucks using Cottonwood and coming through our neighbourhood.

This intersection was closed 18 years ago for "public safety". In this time we have all enjoyed the safe walking path down to the drive with our families, buggies, bikes, wagons, dogs etc. There are a number of residents, myself included, who feel that this "temporary" opening will go on indefinitely and would like to see this road closed immediately for the "safety of the public" in our residential area. There is not enough room on this road for cars and pedestrians. This road is unsafe, unlit and with a blind corner. There has been traffic going both up and down the hill regardless of signage, and also some excessive speeds.

If you are interested in voicing your opinion in regards to the immediate closing of this intersection, please be advised that there is a Whatcom County Council meeting scheduled on January 29th, 2019 held at the Whatcom County Courthouse, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham. Commencing at 7:00 p.m.

If you are in agreement and would like to sign the petition below, I would be happy to present this at the meeting on your behalf in support of this closure. Please tear off the portion below, complete with your name, address and signature, any additional comments or concerns which you would like me to bring forward and drop it off in my mailbox at 4943 Morgan Drive. Thank you.

4961 C. Cleveland

A.M. Ferraro – num1swan@gmail.com

4943 Morgan Drive

P.S. If you wish to see a copy of the 'temporary ordinance' that they will be presenting at this meeting, send me an email and I will forward it to you.

Petition for the immediate closing of NE Corner intersection of Morgan Drive and Cottonwood

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Name: Stephen Nelson Address: 4907 Morgan Dr.

Signature: [Signature] Date: Jan 24, 2019

Additional Comments: _____

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Name: Patricia Dodge Address: 4969 Morgan Drive

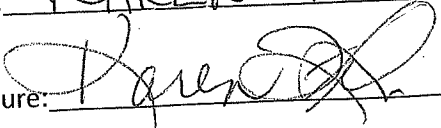
Signature: Patricia Dodge Date: January 20 2019

Additional Comments: Many people on Morgan Dr walk to the beach on this road. There is a blind curve and no sidewalk. The resort at the deadend of Morgan Dr has summer seasonal visitors who would not be aware of the traffic danger. Children would be at risk

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Name: KAREN FEHR Address: 4980 MORGAN DR.

Signature:  Date: JAN. 27, 2019

Additional Comments: _____

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We have a cabin @ 4952 Morgan Dr. and are concerned about the temporary reopening of Cottonwood Drive to supposedly 1 way eastbound traffic. Unfortunately, a fair number of drivers are choosing to ignore the "do not enter" and "no left turn" signs- creating a quite dangerous situation-especially for pedestrians.

Also over the years, a number of vehicles have wound up in the ravine on the north side of Cottonwood.

It does not seem overly inconvenient for the very few folks this dangerous situation affects to have to make the loop via Beachview & Anderson.

IT COULD SAVE A LIFE

Cal Sharpe



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Name: CAL SHARPE Address: 4952 MORGAN DR.

Signature: Cal Sharpe Date: JAN 21 / 19

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