



Request for Crosswalk and Sidewalk Near Our Preschool

Enhancing Safety and Accessibility for Our Children

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Introduction

Adventure Daycare is dedicated to cultivating a sense of care and connection between children and the natural world. We aim to inspire a life-long dedication to environmental stewardship and a sense of community through deep nature connection mentoring. In the environments we participate, our children gain a better understanding of how all of life is connected and experience how our actions influence the world around us. With this understanding, we hope that they will make choices in their daily lives to improve the health of the earth, themselves and each other. We build on the strengths and interests of each child to help build a solid foundation where they can develop their futures.



Request

The purpose of this presentation is to advocate for the installation of a crosswalk and sidewalk in our community to enhance safety and accessibility for pedestrians. Our daycare center is located in a beautiful area in Courtenay and close to a vibrant park and the ocean. Unfortunately, the lack of a sidewalk and a crosswalk on Mansfield Drive forces our children to walk in parking lots for access to this park and grassy areas.



Images



Importance of the park

- The park's role in your preschool activities



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- The park is a busy area, especially near the airport, increasing the need for safe access.



Benefits of the sidewalk

- **Safety:**
 - Provides a safe, designated walking area for children, residents and pedestrians.
 - Reduces risks associated with navigating through parking lots and around private properties.
- **Accessibility:**
 - Connects the preschool directly to the park and nearby residential areas.
 - Encourages families to visit the park more often.

Community Values

- **Promotes Active Lifestyles**
- **Community Engagement**

Safety Points

Traffic Concerns:

1. **Crowded Roads:** Expect heavy traffic around the park making it tough to get in and out.
2. **Parking Problems:** Not enough parking spaces can lead cars to spill into nearby neighborhoods.
3. **Safety Risks:** More cars on the road can increase the chances of accidents, particularly where there are a lot of pedestrians.

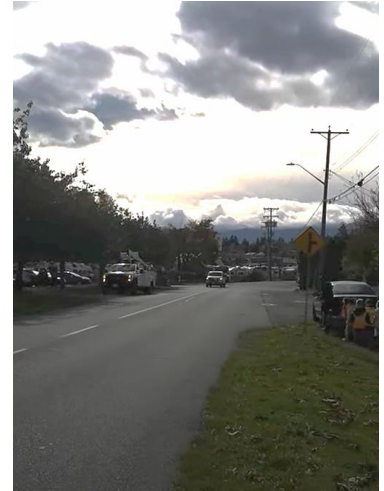
Visibility Concerns:

1. **Confusing Signs:** If there aren't clear signs for crossings or park entrances, it can lead to accidents.
2. **Blind Spots:** Drivers turning onto busy roads might not see oncoming cars because of park features, creating danger.
3. **Pedestrian Awareness:** Better-marked and brighter crosswalks can help keep everyone safer and more aware of each other.

Environment

1. **Porta Potty:** Sometimes it's left with doors open, which not only looks unkempt but can also be a privacy issue.
2. **Garbage Issues:** Overflowing trash cans and litter scattered around can make the park feel dirty and uninviting.
3. **Bad Smells:** Odors from porta potty and garbage can create an unpleasant atmosphere for the children and the rest of pedestrians.

Safety Points



Community Support

- Support from parents, local businesses, or community members.
- Testimonials highlighting the community's desire for improved safety.

Why this petition matters



Started by [Aida Soldevila](#)

My name is Aida, and I'm the manager of Adventure Daycare, which is home to 22 amazing children. Our daycare center is located in a beautiful area in Courtenay and close to a vibrant park and the ocean. Unfortunately, the lack of a sidewalk and a crosswalk on Mansfield Drive forces our children to walk in parking lots for access to this park and surrounding areas.

This is a call to the community and the local administration. We strongly believe that our little adventurers deserve safe passage and there is the need for a sidewalk and crosswalk in our area. This small urban modification could drastically change the lives of our daycare children and others in the community, creating a safer environment for all.

We need your support to make this possible. Please sign our petition and help us teach our children that their safety is always a priority!

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Locations

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