

October 24, 2019

*June*  
**Dear Mayor Caul:**

Re: 1) Pedestrian Safety - Keating Ave. / 1st St. W  
2) Vehicular degradation of Legion Park (south end Lillie Ave.)

**Elementary Student Safety - Keating Ave. / 1st Street W**

- \* 400+ students will be attending St. Mary (Elementary) School (JK-Gr.8) beginning January 2020.
- \* A number of these students will walk from south of #11/71 to and from the school.
- \* Students using Keating Ave. and/or 1st St. West need sidewalks. (Each day 13+ school buses & long Kiss & Ride line-ups create traffic hazards.)
- \* The T of FF needs to budget / install a sidewalk along the west side of Keating Ave. from J. W. Walker School north to 2nd Ave. W.
- \* In the interim, during the winter months, a sidewalk plow needs to keep open a safe passageway off the west side of Keating Ave.

**Degradation of Legion (Westend) Park (south end)**

- \* Dozens of vehicles are invading the south end of Legion Park and using it as a turnaround.
- \* This ugly "traffic circle" has destroyed the grass, cut deep muddy ruts, and is hyper-stressing the young, shallow-rooted red pines.
- \* Management at the park seems to see the solution to be the responsibility of the Streets and Roads Department.
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- \* An order from "**on high**" needs to be issued to stop this totally avoidable degradation of our beautiful Legion Park.

Respectfully re-submitted by

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