

24 June 2023

Dear Mayor and Council members

This correspondence is in respect to traffic problems in the Townend Road area of North Cowichan.

### Background

Townend Road is essentially a lane that runs South to North off of Lakes Road. It is not a road per se but rather a country lane which allows six acreage owners living on the East side of the lane access to their property. Most of these East side properties are hayfields with a house on each. In the main there are two vehicles at each of these residents' properties and they come or go usually once in the morning or the late afternoon during the workweek.

On the West side of the lane there is a decrepit house and barn that date back many years. The present owners are descendants of previous owners who farmed the property several years ago. The present owners live in the Victoria area and use the house as a recreational property on some weekends. A few years back they built a storage barn for their motorhome which they use on an occasional basis.

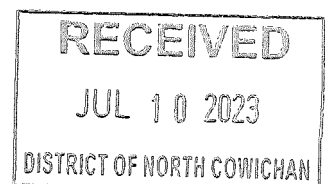
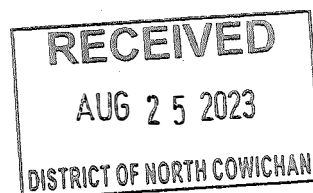
At the North end of the lane at 2521 Townend Rd is a riding stable with a turnaround at the entrance way to the property. Approximately three plus years ago the owners allowed an entrepreneur to open a doggy daycare and boarding facility on the property. About two years ago the boarding/ daycare facility apparently doubled in size thereby appreciably doubling the traffic to and from the daycare twice each day.

The majority of the property to the West of Townend Road is occupied by a residential subdivision accessed from Lakes Road by Trillium Terrace. Many of the residents of this subdivision and others use Townend Road for hiking, jogging, cycling, and walking their children and pets.

People from other areas of Duncan drive to the Townend Road area and park on the Townend Road turnaround and to a lesser extent some park on York Street to hike in Kingston Park to hike, jog or walk their dogs among the Garry Oaks habitat and the Yeyumnuts which is a sacred place of the Cowichan people.

### The Problem

There is wildlife in the area. Deer, raccoons, rabbits, squirrels and quail abound and emerge unexpectedly from trees and bush along the laneway. The potential for collision with a speeding motorist is significant.



The Townend Road lane will only accommodate single lane traffic. If vehicles approach from opposite directions one must turn off into a private driveway or turnoffs accessing the hayfields. To the east side of approximately 2/3 of the length of the laneway is a steep ditch which carries runoff water from the properties sitting on elevated land near Lakes Road. Possible widening of the lane to permit two way traffic would not be possible because of this size restriction. As a case in point a municipal snowplow/ salt truck went into the ditch this past winter spilling quantities of road salt onto the far bank area.

There are no sidewalks on Townend Road and there is no room to build them because of the ditches. Pedestrians, cyclists and joggers are obliged to walk, ride or run on the lane and share it with vehicular traffic.

There are two significant curves on the lane one of which is a blind curve. There are no traffic signs indicating the speed limit, the curves, the presence of pedestrians, wildlife or the issue of two way traffic on a one way lane.

The traffic situation was not problematic until the dog daycare business opened. Since then there has been a flurry of dog owners speeding to and from the daycare each morning and afternoon. Some who have been travelling along the lane at patently observable excessive speeds have been stopped by hikers, pedestrians and others. Their excuse is invariably lateness for work, hockey practice, etc. Some are angry and occasionally threatening when they are flagged down and told to reduce their speed.

Approximately three years ago the dog daycare was permitted to double its size. This has led to more cars and unsafe vehicular traffic. When the owner of the property was advised of the traffic problem the response was apparently to tell concerned walkers or bikers to call the police. In addition to the dog day care service some dogs are often boarded at the facility overnight presumably because the owners are out of town or otherwise unavailable.

With the increase in the numbers of customers over the years came an increase in dogs barking. This continues at all hours of the day and night. Our understanding is that complaints have been made to both the owner and to bylaw enforcement. This past weekend was a horror for dogs barking both day and night.

## POSSIBLE RESOLUTION

- (1) Increased police and bylaw presence for traffic
- (2) Proper enforcement of the noise bylaw
- (3) Placement of speed limit signage
- (4) Use alternate entrance to the dog day care facility via Roome Road

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Townend Road was a quiet road only accessed by local traffic, walkers and bikers from the neighbourhood, until the owners at the end of Townend Road opened up their Doggy Daycare.

Townend Road is very narrow. Only room for one car travelling in the lane. Some parts are more narrow due to Garry Oak trees along the side of the road and ditches on both sides of the road.

In the two photos below, you can see the blind corner from an East uphill viewpoint and west downhill viewpoint. This has been a close call for many vehicles almost crashing head on or driving into bikers and pedestrians.

Walkers and bikers are not seen if they are on this corner. Non-resident drivers drive too fast along this road and jeopardize the safety of the locals who walk, bike or drive this road.



View going east, uphill on the blind corner.



View going west, downhill on the blind corner.

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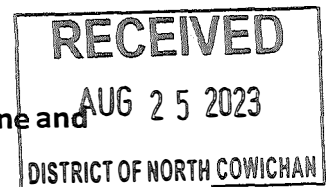
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Address of Barking Dogs at 2521 Townend Road, Duncan, B.C. Cedar Ridge Canine and Boarding Facility.



The barking from this facility occurs all times during the day and night and makes it difficult for neighboring families to enjoy their own time at home. During the night and early morning hours, the barking wakes us up and prevents us from sleeping. The lack of sleep and not being able to relax in the evenings, affects our work life and our social/emotional well-being.

The following is data of our observations:

Date	Start time	Quantity of Barking/Observations	Dog seen
June 1 2023	6:12-6:33 AM	Barking loud – woke me up	no
	7:24-7:59 AM	227 Barks (16 times)	no
	8:00-8:14 AM	115 Barks (12 times)	no
	8:25-8:59 AM	103 Barks (9 times)	no
	9:04-9:49 AM	47 Barks (6 times)	no
	10:05- noon	Continuous barking off and on	no
	Noon-1:00 PM	296 Barks (22 times)	no
	1:06-1:54 PM	151 Barks (15 times)	no
	2:28 PM	28 Barks (1 times)	no
	2:56-3:08 PM	82 Barks (7 times)	no
	3:13 PM	14 Barks (1 time)	no
	3:32-3:56 PM	226 Barks (16 times)	no
	4:09-5:11 PM	493 Barks (27 times) not able to enjoy our quiet outside time	no
	6:28-7:00 PM	352 Barks (18 times) not able to enjoy our quiet outside time	no
		Barking continuous periodically	



Date	Start time	Quantity of Barking/Observations	Dog seen
Aug. 3 2023	5:05-6:00AM	Dogs Barking continuously - woke us up	no
	6:10-6:44 AM	Dogs barking continuously – kept us up	no
	7:11-7:43 AM	253 Barks (21 times) – ruined our sleep	no
	7:46 AM	10 Barks ( 1 time)	no
	7:55-7:58 AM	117 Barks (4 times)	no
	8:32-9:10 AM	255 Barks (12 times)	no
	10:03 AM	16 Barks (1 time)	no
	10:16-11:59 AM	169 Barks (16 times)	no
	12:21-12:44 PM	324 Barks (15 times)	no
	1:09 PM	19 Barks (1 time)	no
	1:24-1:55 PM	712 Barks (11 times)	no
	2:39-2:56 PM	107 Barks (7 times)	no
	3:10-3:47 PM	77 Barks (9 times)	no
	4:38-4:56 PM	85 Barks (8 times)	no
	5:00-9:20 PM	I was not home	
	9:24-9:37 PM	87 Barks (7 times) not able to enjoy our quiet outside time	no
		Barking continuous periodically	

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Date	Start time	Quantity of Barking/Observations	Dog seen
Aug. 7 2023	5:15 AM	25 Barks (1 time)	no
	6:43-7:06 AM	431 Barks (15 times)	no
	8:11- 8:12 AM	17 Barks (2 times)	no
	8:41-9:08	217 Barks (10 times)	no
	9:27-10:04	437 Barks (18 times)	no
	10:39-11:12	223 Barks (14 times)	no
	11:21 AM-12:05 PM	199 Barks (17 times)	no
	12:24-12:26 PM	83 Barks (3 times)	no
	12:26-2:40 PM	I was not home	no
	2:48-3:01 PM	305 Barks (14 times)	no
	3:20-3:27 PM	66 Barks (6 times)	no
	3:43-4:51 PM	209 Barks (11 times)	no
	Evening hours	I was not home	no
	10:20-10:38 PM	238 Barks (9 times)	no
		Barking continuous periodically	



Date	Start time	Quantity of Barking/Observations	Dog seen
Aug. 8 2023	6:04 AM	Barking woke us up	no
	6:31-6:48 AM	197 Barks (12 times) barking kept us up	no
	7:03-7:07 AM	41 Barks (4 times)	no
	7:25-7:56 AM	230 Barks (12 times)	
	8:03-8:31 AM	168 Barks (12 times)	no
	Rest of morning	I was not home	no
	11:09-11:24 AM	164 Barks (9 times)	no
	11:32-11:38 AM	140 Barks (5 times)	no
	11:50 AM-12:31 PM	215 Barks (13 times)	no
	12:31-2:30 PM	I was not home	no
	2:31-2:38 PM	26 Barks (3 times)	no
	3:54-4:46 PM	377 Barks (21 times)	no
	Not home for the	evening	no
	8:23-9:49 PM	300 Barks (18 times)	no
		Barking continuous periodically	

Date	Start time	Quantity of Barking/Observations	Dog seen
Aug. 9 2023	1:59 AM	Woke us up early in the morning- none stop barking ~55 barks at one time	no
	2:04-2:08 AM	71 Barks (2 times) continuous barking – not able to fall back asleep	no
	2:19-2:34 AM	273 Barks (9 times) continuous barking – not able to fall back asleep	no
	3:41-3:42 AM	82 Barks (2 times) Woke us up again	
	7:16-7:40 AM	165 Barks (14 times) continuous Barking, unable to rest	no
	7:41-8:37 AM	240 Barks (28 times)	no
	8:44-9:08 AM	105 Barks (11 times)	no
	9:16-9:44 AM	150 Barks (12 times)	no
	9:49-10:07 AM	145 Barks (8 times)	no
	10:17-11:09 AM	251 Barks (21 times)	no
	11:13-11:56 AM	272 Barks (19 times)	no
	12:20-1:13 PM	300 Barks (25 times)	no
	1:14-1:35 PM	124 Barks (12 times)	no
	2:04-2:07 PM	49 Barks (4 times)	no
	2:17-2:34 PM	132 Barks (9 times)	no
	3:13-4:25 PM	179 Barks (15 times)	no
	4:33 PM	33 Barks (1 time)	no
	4:42- PM on	Barking continuous periodically	