**President’s Update**

**Transportation Update**

I haven’t addressed a number of transportation initiatives SACA has been working with the City to implement for some time so I thought I would provide an update this month. You may recall we proposed a number of changes in north and south Scenic Acres in order to improve parking options and traffic flow as well as ensure safe travel for pedestrians. These suggestions were based on your feedback; through conversations, emails or through the open houses we held last year and we submitted that feedback directly to the City. Certain improvements have progressed but there are others where we are still waiting and/or City Transportation wants to analyze further.

**South Scenic Acres**

Along Scenic Acres Drive and Scimitar Point in the vicinity of École du Nouveau-Monde, there have been a number of signage additions. ‘No U turn’ signs have been installed at or near this busy intersection on both streets and ‘no stopping’ signs on the north side of Scenic Acres Drive near the driveway to the school in order to discourage parking too close to it. A ‘Stop’ sign has been installed on Scimitar Point at the intersection to replace the ‘Yield’ sign, so drivers will take more care to watch for the increased pedestrian traffic at this intersection. Another crosswalk ladder has been installed on the east side of Scimitar Point at Scenic Acre Drive to more safely accommodate the increased pedestrian traffic related to the school. We had suggested additional ‘No U-turn’ signage on Scenic Acres Drive west of the intersection with Scimitar Point where this behaviour occurs frequently and an additional crosswalk to connect the pedestrian pathway by the tennis courts and the ravine where people cross routinely but those suggestions were not endorsed by the City; U-turns are illegal on Scenic Acres Driveway anyways and they didn’t want to have too many crosswalk locations.

The proposal to extend the Scenic Acres restricted parking zone west along Scenic Acres Drive to Scenic Ridge Gate is still on hold as the City has been reviewing how they administer restricted zones in general. A reminder that a restricted zone doesn’t necessarily mean there will be restrictions; the onus would then be on local residents along each street block to decide what they wanted to do and within the limits set by the City. Generally, it seems there have been minimal impacts to the local area traffic patterns related to the school. As you may recall however, the school has capacity for 400 students. Last year, they had approximately 250 and this year about 300 students so we haven’t experienced the full impact of the traffic and pedestrian increase.

**North Scenic Acres**

The proposal to extend parking along Scurfield Drive on the south side near the community centre and Monsignor Doyle is still in progress and the City is analyzing how far to extend it. This additional parking will provide more options for school parking and also serve to slow traffic in this area by giving the impression of a narrower street. No changes were proposed for the north side of Scurfield Drive because the Revera Grande development will eliminate that option. We had suggested parking signage changes for Scurfield Drive and Scurfield Way to extend the parking time limits beyond the current two-hour limit but the City would like to maintain them at two-hours and provide visitor passes for school volunteers so they could park beyond that limit. We had also suggested that the bus drop-off zone be eliminated along the Scurfield Way cul-de-sac since there has been no school bussing for years. The City is working with the two school boards on these changes and because they involve school street frontages, the school boards must pay for the changes.

Parking signage along westbound Scenic Acres Blvd at Scurfield Park will be revised from allowing street parking after 6 PM to after 5 PM in order to better accommodate evening sports activities.

**Other Parking and Street Changes**

1. SACA has been working with the construction company Chandros who is building the Revera Grande in order to provide parking options for their trade people, as there is not sufficient parking on the property itself. There will be a temporary parking solution provided for the duration of the project. 2. We are also hoping to extend the snow route zone between Scenic Acres Gate and Scenic Acres Blvd. This area is a bus route today but was not a bus route when snow routes were determined over 10 years ago. 3. We are also hoping to upgrade the snow maintenance priority of Scimitar Point to ensure it is regularly plowed and sanded, recognizing the steeper grade at the intersection with Scenic Acres Drive going south a few blocks.

If there are topics you wish me to consider as articles for my monthly report, please contact me at scenicboard@shaw.ca.