

MEDIA ADVISORY: September 20, 2004
Vancouver, BC

Residents Rally to Slow Speeding Vehicles



The 2nd **Slow Down Dundas** day will be held *Wednesday September 22nd*, 3 pm, at the corner of Dundas and Penticton.

Concerned residents will be handing out flyers requesting motorists to stop at the crosswalks when occupied and respect the speed limit.

Dundas Street, between Nanaimo and Renfrew is a 5-block, .8 kilometer stretch of residential roadway being used as a shortcut by motorists avoiding rush hour traffic on Hastings Street or McGill. These motorists routinely ignore the speed limit and crosswalks at Penticton and Slocan. This stretch of Dundas Street is off-limits to trucks, but residents of Dundas Street regularly see large commercial trucks using the street illegally.

The current classification of Dundas Street is a secondary artery. The City of Vancouver Engineering Department is currently looking at recommending to City Council that Dundas Street be downgraded to a neighbourhood collector whereby various traffic calming measures could be implemented.

Local residents formed the Dundas Street Group to bring awareness to the short stretch of Dundas Street that should be downgraded and traffic calmed with turning circles, speed bumps, and or no through traffic signs, making the street safer to cross for school children and pedestrians.

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The Dundas group held their first awareness campaign September 7th in a festival manner. Attendees included: a knight dressed in full armour, a stilt walking sun-goddess, drummers, poi performers, clowns, and a Scots warrior. The event was supported by the The Hastings Community Policing Centre, Joy McPhail and approximately 250 concerned residents including the children who cross Dundas Street each day on their way to school.

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