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Lougheed Highway; 2nd reading

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Mayor and Council,

The proposal for this six-storey, 224 unit apartment building, within the walkable and bikeable Town Centre Area, and close to transit, provides a great opportunity to get more people out of their cars. In order to achieve that, two important things are needed: adequate bicycle storage for the residents of this apartment building, and safe, convenient infrastructure along the south side of the highway so that all new (and existing!) residents in the area south of Lougheed can safely and conveniently reach their destinations, cycling or rolling.

We refer to our [letter](#) dated September 26, 2021, again encouraging Mayor and Council to request additional bike/micromobility parking, as with the number proposed (70 proposed for 224 units), only 1 in every 3 households will have access to a space for one single bike, which is obviously not sufficient if we want to encourage more people to get around by bike/e-bike/e-scooter.

As we pointed out in that same letter, and also in our [letter](#) dated April 11, 2023, no cycling facilities - only a sidewalk - are required along the south side of Lougheed Highway between 216 St. and 222 St. (Haney Bypass). This development is one of multiple sites that have been proposed along this stretch, for a total of close to 2,000 units. The rezoning of this property provides an opportunity to require the developer to build the infrastructure that will enable the many residents proposed for south of Lougheed between 216 St. and 222 St., to get around by the various modes of active transportation. I again urge Council to request adequate facilities be built to enable active transportation for All Ages and Abilities.

With kind regards,

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