

Your Cycling Connection

November 4, 2023

Mayor and Council, City of North Vancouver

Re: Improving Intersection Safety

Dear Mayor and Council,

HUB Cycling is a charitable not-for-profit organization working to get more people cycling more often and making cycling safer and better through education, action and events. More cycling reduces greenhouse gas emissions, relieves traffic congestion and means healthier, happier and more connected communities.

We are writing to encourage you to support the motion to implement no right turns on red lights at intersections. The *Safe Mobility Strategy* passed unanimously by council makes the:

"commitment to improving the safety of City streets for all users through proactive strategies and supporting actions in line with Vision Zero: the principle that serious injuries and fatalities on City streets, sidewalks and pathways are unacceptable and preventable and that the City's transportation system can be designed to minimize the risk that collisions end in a serious injury or fatality."

To keep people safe and to encourage more people to walk and roll, the city can improve safety at intersections with no right turns on red. In the 1980's, the <u>Insurance Institute for Highway Safety</u> found that allowing right turns on red increases pedestrian crashes by 60 percent and bike crashes by 100 percent. We are also in favour of the suggestion to write the province asking them to install speed and red light cameras at the most dangerous intersections or to allow the city to do so.

Thanks to the city for already implementing no rights on reds at some intersections, as well as advanced walk signals. Keep up the good work.

Yours sincerely,

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