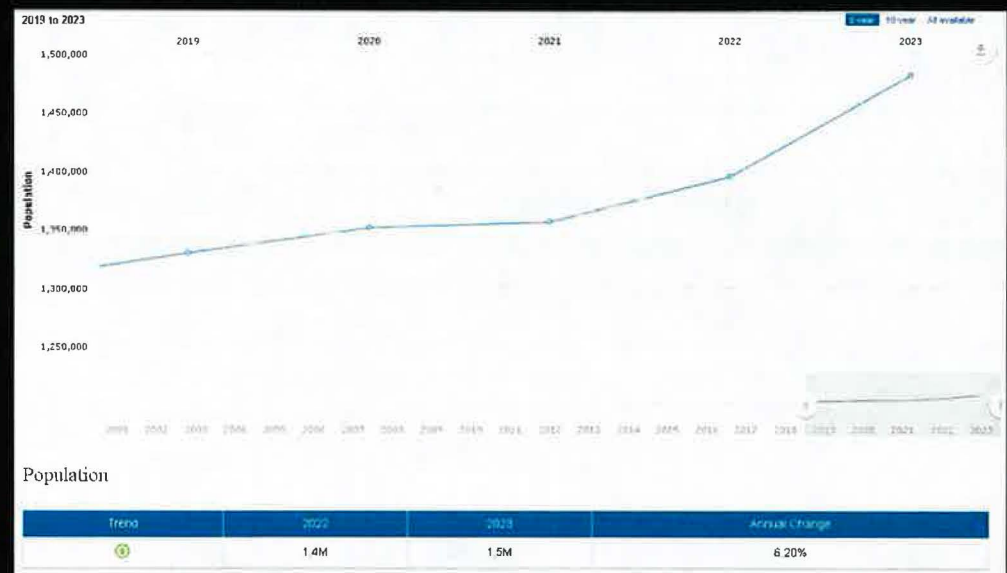


Request for Council to Fund Traffic Calming in Garrison Woods

November 18, 2024

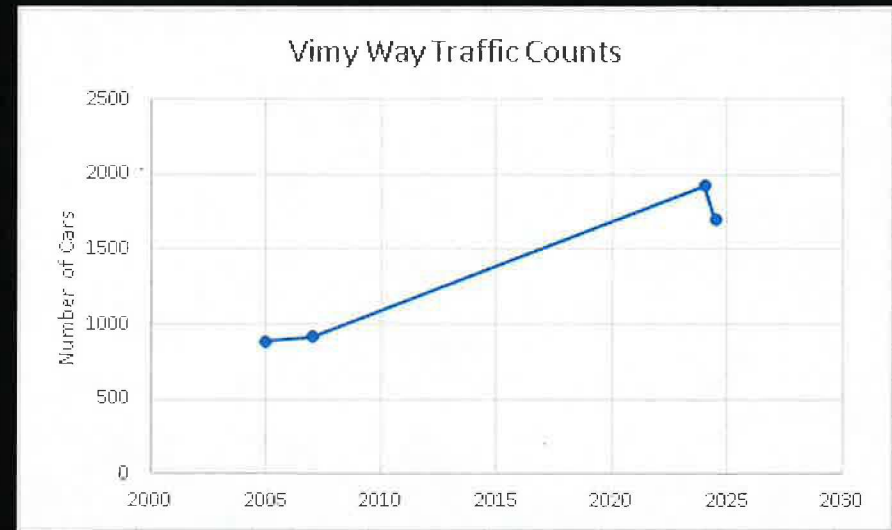
Calgary's Population Growth

Calgary's population has grown 13.4% in the last 5 years.



Garrison Woods Traffic Growth

- Inner city communities take a disproportionate amount of new densification and re-development to accommodate a population burst and traffic safety in these areas needs to be considered.
- For example, traffic counts on Vimy Way in Garrison Woods have increased **118%** since 2005.



Garrison Woods

- Garrison Woods is built on a former Canadian Forces Base and is a heritage community in Calgary that honours an important part of Canada's history.
- Garrison Woods is a small neighborhood that is home to 3 schools, numerous playgrounds and 2 elderly residential facilities. It also houses multiple green spaces, a sports facility and a museum.
- Garrison Woods has homes of all varieties, single family homes, condos/apartments, row houses, townhomes and refurbished former military houses.

Garrison Woods Map



= School



= Elderly residence



= Playground



= Sports facility



= Museum



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Garrison Woods

- Garrison Woods is exactly the kind of community a city should be proud of.
 - It is home to single folks, families, seniors, students and countless dogs and cats (even the coyote and bobcat variety) and preserves an important part of Canada's history.
 - It was intended to be a bikeable, pedestrian friendly neighborhood, where people can enjoy the amenities and read the historical plaques without cars running them over.

Crowchild Trail Access from South Calgary

- Crowchild Trail can be accessed via 33rd Avenue, 50th Avenue and Flanders Avenue (through Garrison Woods).
- 33rd and 50th Avenues have multiple traffic controls and are designed to handle busy traffic.
 - 33rd Avenue has been funded by Main Streets to improve traffic safety/walkability.
 - 50th Avenue is being funded by Mobility Safety and Community Improvements – Pathway and Bikeway Plan to improve traffic safety/walkability.
 - Businesses benefit from walking/vehicle/biking traffic.

Garrison Woods Cut Through

- Garrison Woods has next to nothing for traffic controls/calming/slowing/reduction and as a result, it has become a throughfare of cut through traffic.
- **Google Maps knows there is nothing to slow drivers down through this neighborhood cut through.**
- Garrison Woods has its own challenges with the multiple schools in close proximity and high number of elderly/student pedestrians.
 - School 1 (grades 3-9) is for students with complex learning disabilities
 - Schools 2 and 3 (each large K-12) have undergone significant expansions
- Cut through traffic needs to be calmed/reduced to allow it to be useable for people without fear of being run down.
- **High volumes of cut through traffic directed away from 33rd and 50th Avenues does not benefit a residential/school neighbourhood, it is an accident waiting to happen.**

Request to Council

- The houses on the stretch of Vimy Way between 20th street and St. Julien Dr. have signed a petition for traffic calming.
- **Please fund traffic calming/reduction in Garrison Woods.**
- Traffic calming in Garrison Woods would go a long way to restoring faith that the City is considering traffic safety in its growth plans.

