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I am a traffic safety expert in Vancouver. The problem in your area is Velocitization. This is something that people don't want to talk about, but is of great concern to the President of Young Drivers of Canada. The "driver" comes off of a highway into Barriere and experiences a motion perception problem - that seems like their speedometer is malfunctioning. The driver feels that they are travelling in slow motion and are unable to correctly estimate local speeds. This is caused by the Vestibular structure in the inner ear.

When the driver is on the highway and is comfortable with the higher speed, the tendency is to experience "Develocitization," which is where the speedometer is not perceived as accurate and the area above the speed limit is fine with their conscience. A "reverse" Velocitization effect. Velocitization is in the BC New Driver Handbook.

Also, many of the drivers in this highway are unlawful, unethical and without a conscience which is why a law-abiding driver in BC will be tailgated if they don't speed.

Your area is notorious for speeding, as is the entire province. ICBC rates are high due to the public ignoring civic duty. I read about how your mayor has ideas to resolve these highway deaths. Perhaps he has no idea about the prime cause of speeding.

I am going to dig out an essay I asked Peter Christiansen to write about Velocitization, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Trans-Canada Highway and send it to you.

Perhaps you could ask the provincial government to do a public relations job on explaining this "Black Hole" to the public?

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