

PRESQU'ILE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

TRAFFIC CALMING

OUR OBJECTIVE

TRAFFIC CALMING and REDUCED MOTOR VEHICLE SPEED LIMITS throughout the Presqui'le, Sutacriti Park and MacIntosh areas to improve neighbourhood livability, encourage active transportation and overall road user safety.

CONCERNS

Three distinct areas in the community – each with population growth resulting in increased road traffic and safety issues.

1- PRESQU'ILE ROAD

Significant increase in traffic due to:

Growth within the community
Great Lakes Waterfront Trail
Rotary/YMCA Summer Camp

- Narrow roads with no sidewalks and no road shoulder in areas
- Curves in road create blind spots for drivers & pedestrians
- Treed areas on waterside block line of vision

2- SUTACRITI PARK

Sutacriti St, Indira Ave,
Ishwar Dr

- Increased number of families with young children
- No shoulders/sidewalks for pedestrians with children or dogs

3- MACINTOSH DR

- Dangerous intersection at MacIntosh and Presqui'le – no view of traffic coming up hill
- No shoulders/sidewalks for pedestrians with children or dogs

SAFETY ISSUES

- Narrow roads with no sidewalks and no road shoulder in areas
- Pedestrians are forced to walk on roadway
- Curves in road create blind spots
- Treed areas block line of vision for both drivers and pedestrians

AREAS OF EXTREME CONCERN

- Crossover from pathway to Sutacriti Park waterfront access and School bus stop
- Crossover at Bayview Lane and Presquile (also School bus stop)
- Out of area parked cars along Presquile waterfront at Sutacriti
- Intersection of Presqui'le and MacIntosh (blind spot – especially dangerous in winter with snow banks)
- Rotary/YMCA Summer Camp (camp activities on both sides of Presquile Road)

Evidence for Change

The following are excerpts from a Globe and Mail May 17/21 – article titled: Is going 20 or 30 km/h above the speed limit a big deal?

- Robert Robertson – president and CEO of the Traffic Injury Foundation

“If a pedestrian or cyclist is hit by a car going 30km/h, they have a 90% chance of surviving.

If the car is going 50km/h, they have less than 20% chance of surviving”

“Photo radar has been a very controversial issue in Canada But the research around automated enforcements shows very good results.”

- Shabnem Afzal, VP of the Association of Road Safety Professionals

“Driving at 10km/h over the speed limit has the same risk of collision as driving while impaired with blood alcohol level over .08”

- * Several neighbouring municipalities with reduced speed limits

Proposed Traffic Calming Solutions

- Reduce overall speed limit to 40 in all areas
- Reduce speed limit to 30 kph at
 - Sutacriti waterfront
 - School stops on Presqu’ile at pathway and Bayview Lane
 - Hill on Presqu’ile at MacIntosh intersection
 - Rotary camp
- Consider speed humps and/or 30 kph at above areas
- Install convex mirror at junction of Presqu’ile & MacIntosh Drive and move northbound stop sign several meters south
- Increased signage for ‘children playing’ and ‘blind curves’
- Portable solar powered ‘Your speed is...’ flashing signs