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Sent: Thursday, July 8, 2021 2:27 PM

Subject: Speed Limit increase Old Mill Road

Hello,

I would like to email you today to ask for you to increase the speed limit on Old Mill Road.

I live at [REDACTED], I have been living here since 1995. And prior to that in would visit family friends from 1989 to 1994.

I would like you to please consider increasing the speed limit to 60 kmh or leaving the speed limit at 50 because volunteer fire fighters who live on old mill road need to get to the hall quicker, the petition that was made to lower the speed limit may not have actual old mill residents on it, we shouldn't reduce speed on roads because parents want their kids to play on it and lastly the people who put the slow down signs on the road are only up here on the weekends from Canada day to Labour Day.

The first reason I personally would like to see the speed limit increased to 60 km/h is because the limit of 60 exists on grey road 1. I also feel it would be important to the two volunteer fire fighters who live on old Mill Road. My personal response to the hall are the following streets.

1. Left out of driveway because if I turn right it's a whole extra kilometer at 60 kmh which is 1 minute extra. So for the purposes of this we are going to talk about making a left and driving the shorter distance.
2. 1000m from 204 old mill to the cross streets of havelock. This is 50 km/h as a speed limit.
3. From havelock and old mill road to havelock and grey road 1 is 450 m at 50kmh
4. From havelock and old Mill Road to the 80 km speed sign is 350m at 60kmh
5. From the 80 kmh speed sign to the 60 kmh speed sign is 1700 [meters at](#) 80kmh
6. From the 60 kmh sign to the 50 km/h sign is 1.2 km.
7. And then from the 50 km/h to 345 George Street is 1430 m at 50 km/h

I have calculated 3 different times in a spreadsheet please find a copy of it here.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1YNQT0lum4Rz18GZVg5fXFHqWaV_O2zTv_k9miUruK5s/edit?usp=drivesdk

I also have attached a screen shot if you do not have access to my google drive.

If you leave the speed limit the way it is it will be 376 seconds. If you change it to 60 kmh it will be 359 seconds. And if you change it to 40 kmh it will be changed to 403 seconds.

It may not feel like a long time but if you reduce the speed to 40 km my drive to the fire hall will be 27 longer. 27 seconds means a difference when someone isn't breathing. 27 seconds means the difference of a fire being in the incipient stage versus fully involved. Saving property versus trying to just prevent the neighbours house from catching on fire. 27 seconds is the difference of life and death.

Secondly, I understand that some of my neighbours have signed a petition. I would first of all advise you to follow up on those who have signed the petition. One of the days the petition was signed one of my neighbours noted short term renters at 186 Old Mill Road may have made the petition. If the Township will accept these non residents of old Mill Road as petition signers please let me know and I will produce a similar opposing petition to increase the speed limit on old mill road from 50 to 60 km/h.

Thirdly one of the main reasons I've been told that the speed should be reduced is because there are kids playing on the street. No matter what speed you make it. People are going to drive the speed which is appropriate given the field of view, smoothness of the road, and number of blind curves. I have been driving for 20 years. I know when deer or animals or children are near the road way. I slow down for them. We don't need to reduce the speed because a few parents think that their kids have the right to play on a public road and that the township should assume that other drivers aren't able to regulate a very reasonable speed which is constant throughout most of Georgian bluffs township as the standard speed for residential neighbourhoods. When I lived here in 1995 my parents told me stay on the lake side of the road or the house side. And if I want to cross stop. Wait and then cross the road. It worked for me all my life. Both me and my brother and sister survived the speed limit of 50 kmh on old mill road.

I am curious to know if there has been a report prepared for any sort of traffic accidents or injuries that have taken place in any capacity on old mill road or any other road for that matter in Georgian bluffs that's zoned as residential. Never mind shoreline residential.

Lastly that brings me to my final point. These people on your petition are all up here for the summer. They leave the moment the temperature drops below 0 and their cottages cost too much to heat electrically. They want to make a significant change to the 6 people who live on old mill road all year round. Have 5 of the 6 people signed the petition?

I know cottagers are rate payers. But something doesn't feel fair to me knowing that for 10 months out of the year the people who have signed this petition won't be up here to drive 40 kmh on old mill road. As they aren't ever here.

And their kids are playing on their street in Ajax for the other 10 months of the year and not this street,

I think parents of the children on this street need to educate their children that the road is a place for vehicles to travel and to respect that instead of complaining to the township to hand over a section of road for them to use as their own playground and walking trail for the two months their up here from the GTA. If this is a problem I would request a device which records the speed of vehicles is placed on the road in the summer. Then in the fall, winter and then spring. Find out if cars are speeding, if they are then have O. P. P enforce the speeds. Have the police give out tickets if they are going over 50. This problem is much easier to solve then reducing the speed for everyone.

If you don't believe me have a referendum for this issue but host it on a Wednesday in February. I guarantee your petition of people won't show up to vote to lower the speed. Because they don't care about the community. They don't do anything for the community. And they just want their kids to be able to play on the road while they are up here from the city.

Please consider leaving the speed limit the same or making it 60km/h

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