

Council Meeting

October 18, 2021

Comments Received Regarding Item 9.2
Neighbourhood Traffic Safety Program

From: Darryle Jadaa
Sent: October 12, 2021 1:03 PM
To: Town Clerk <TownClerk@oakville.ca>
Subject: Upcoming meeting re: 40 kph October 18, 2021

To whom it may concern;

I am not sure how to go about registering my comments about the upcoming proposed change to reduce speed limits to 40 kmh.

My husband and I are both strongly against this change. In our opinion, this will only lead to more dangerous driving and potential road rage. We can imagine people's frustration with this slow speed limit. Even now, when we slow to 40 kph for school zones, there are those behind us that are pushing us to speed up, even some that will illegally by-pass us. Even your pilot project did not show this to lower speeds!

The cost of making this change is unnecessary as well. And it would seem that this would only increase the opportunity for police to create more tickets, which would lead to more dissatisfaction from the towns people. The proposed cost of this project will exceed the projected revenue.

Please do not make this change for the sake of us all! Such a major change to our daily living should at least be put to a referendum for all to participate in.

Please let me know if I need to do something more to make my feelings heard by the town council.

Thank you for your time,

Darryle and Hany Jadaa
Oakville, Ontario

From: roger.tiffin
Sent: October 12, 2021 2:46 PM
To: Town Clerk <TownClerk@oakville.ca>
Subject: Speed limit changes

Just read a story about a proposal.to.change many roads in oakville to a default 40.

Please provide the justifications.

There was one mention tjat slower speeds cause less accidents and fatalities,,, but lets see the actual data of the exact numbers versus the traffic inconvenience and time delays expected with this change.

Beleive we all.support this in safety and school zones but also believe i am one of many who disagree with this change.

Roger tiffin

From: Kareem Hashem
Sent: October 12, 2021 10:04 PM
To: Town Clerk <TownClerk@oakville.ca>
Subject: Speed limit reduction concern

Hi,

As a resident of this town, i strongly oppose the proposal to have the default town speed at 40km/h.

Oakville is a lovely livable town, taking the failed 1 year long pilot and assuming we'll have a different result goes against logic. That way it's really a cash grab and that's something new in oakville if it does happen and will impact it's livability, and impact the businesses & delivery reliant operations.

What you can do instead is enforce the already existing speed limits using cameras & police enforcement, but not to reduce them to snail speed, impacting travel time across the town, and causing unnecessary traffic.

I believe the current speed limits are already enough, just install more cameras and put more warning signs and have our police officers enforce the law more often.

40km/h? Seriously?! Why not just ban cars altogether!

We already have a good mix of 40km/h in school zones, 50, 60 and 70 and that's more than enough.

Br,
Kareem Hashem

From: Marsha S
Sent: October 17, 2021 11:13 AM
To: Town Clerk <TownClerk@oakville.ca>; _Members of Council <MembersofCouncil@oakville.ca>
Subject: Submission To Oakville Town Council Meeting of October 18, 2021, Agenda Item 9.2.2.a: 40 kph Speed Limit

Please accept this email as my submission to the October 18, 2021 Council meeting, for Agenda Item 9.2.2.a: 40 kph Speed Limit

A few days ago, I came across an article in an Oakville online publication indicating that Council had decided to reduce the speed limit of all Town roads to 40 kph. Since I had followed this topic over the years and was well aware that ALL studies rejected lowering the speed limits across all Town roads, I was bewildered and confused as to how and why the Town would approved something that was clearly and repeatedly rejected by experts in the field as ineffective, as well as by Oakville's own residents as undesirable. I thought that idea had already been killed, and was surprised that it was brought back from the dead.

My queries led me to your January 25, 2021 Council meeting. I watched the entire topic discussion in horror.

At this meeting, Councillor O'Meara tabled a proposal to lower the speed limits on all Town roads to 40 kph. This proposal was totally out of left field, but clearly it was a planned and staged political manoeuvre. Most residents were not aware that a proposal for this mass conversion was even on the table, except those few "special interest groups" who were secretly recruited as delegations to support the proposal that no one else knew about. I also came to understand that this proposal was sprung on the members of Council as well, with very little notice or discussion.

Some members of Council were clearly uncomfortable and confused with the proposal, but for reasons beyond comprehension, most of them still supported it.

How a proposal that was clearly rejected time and again, and which has no foundations in facts or logic, got approved by our elected officials, is beyond belief. But perhaps there is one explanation. I suspect some Councillors had decided at the outset, that they were going to reduce speed limits across all Town roads. They went through the motions of consulting the residents who they are supposed to represent. But when all the feedback and data, time and again, did not support their desired outcome, they chose to simply ignore the voice of the people and push forward with their own agenda. Our local government is clearly not operating as a democracy. There is no guarantee of public consultation on important matters. We should all be worried.

My message to Council is this: You have NOT been given carte blanche to implement this plan and waste our tax dollar on this item. Doing so is effectively a misuse of public funds and an abuse of power. I urge Council to suspend the decision made on January 25, 2021 regarding 40 kph speed limits across all Town roads, and listen to ALL the people of Oakville, not the handful specially selected.

You have enough data to take action in problem areas. Now is the time to solve the problems where they exist, and leave the rest of us be. And just in case anyone has lost sight of the problem, **the problems is speeding (which means travelling IN EXCESS of speed limits), not the speed limits themselves.** It's not too late to change course and do the right thing.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts on this matter.

Sincerely,

M. Strycharz

From: Jesse Winger

Sent: October 17, 2021 7:26 PM

To: Town Clerk <TownClerk@oakville.ca>

Subject: Photo radar cameras

Hi Town Clerk,

This move for the Council to budget a half a million dollar plan to is a plan made by a few that will hurt many and only benefit a small group of people. This is discrimination and is not sound with the values I share as a good Christian. I believe this will only give money to Halton Police and I find this plan borderline corrupt and that of non-democratic nation to fund policing and enforce laws on many people who will not receive this information regardless of so called "robust communications plan."

Additionally I find this incredibly short-sighted and further discriminatory as it only will benefit people who don't rely getting from one side of the city to the other. It really only benefits a small group of older people who feel like the roads are unsafe and don't need to travel as much. But the reality of the driving situation is that most accidents happen on the main roads and highways and not in the smaller streets.

I believe this is to be very undemocratic as many people aren't aware of these sudden and huge decisions.

I hope this really hope the town reconsiders it's decision before they spend 585,000 on speed cameras and not Truth and Reconciliations Efforts or Helping Kerr Ministries where they really need food donations and support. Is this really helpful or is this more of a ploy to make more money for the police. I hope this is read out during the livestream.
Thanks for reading this appreciate your time and work.

Kind Regards,

Jesse



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Position Statement - Neighbourhood Traffic Safety Program
Town Of Oakville Council, Monday October 18, 2021, 6:30 pm

To Mayor Burton and members of Council,

The Trafalgar Chartwell Residents' Association (TCRA) applauds this program and congratulates Council and Staff. We are keenly interested in the six components of this program and the tools that will be implemented to control speeding in our neighbourhood. Going forward, we wish to be engaged in further public consultation and we offer our assistance in communicating with our residents. The following are two matters which are most important to us:

1. Reducing the town-wide default speed limit to 40 km/h will not on its own reduce speeding. Broad and consistent enforcement, in conjunction with HRPS, will be necessary to achieve this goal. To that end, identifying additional Community Safety Zones and adopting the Automated Speed Enforcement Program, with fines issued under the provincial AMPS, are measures which we wholeheartedly support. However, seven mobile cameras, with one allocated to each ward, seem far too few for the job. We believe that they should be allocated based on identified speed reduction needs rather than geography alone. We note the comments under "ASE Proposed Operation" which imply acquisition of further cameras

(including "Fixed" cameras) once we have gained experience from the initial program. However the costing seems not to allow for growth of the program. We are uneasy on this point.

2. The proposed Communications Plan seems to focus exclusively on publicizing the reduced speed limit. We respectfully suggest that the plan be expanded to include publicizing the ASE enforcement program as well. We see no likelihood of changes to drivers' behaviour until they internalize the penalties of speeding.

As the population growth in Midtown is realized, as our demographic cycles to younger families, as a rejuvenated Downtown attracts more visitors, and as walking throughout our neighbourhood continues to grow, the need for this program will become more and more evident. We look forward to its implementation.

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors, Trafalgar Chartwell Residents' Association