

REQUEST FOR SPEED REDUCTION

We the undersigned residents of Bay Street East and Bayview Drive, request that the Town of Blue Mountain implement a reduction in the speed limit on Bay St. East/Bayview Drive from Bayview Park (Elgin Street) to Lakeshore Road.

The present paved road width is only 23 feet wide approximately (actual 22'-10"). The road is used by many pedestrians to access Bayview Park, the tennis courts and the children's play area. In addition cyclists using the Georgian Trail come out on to Bayview Drive at the former Russell Street intersection.

Children, pedestrians, joggers and cyclists need to feel safe on our roads as there are no sidewalks on this narrow road.

Highway 26 south of Bay Street East starting at Grey Street has a speed limit of 50km/hr and has a sidewalk on the south side with a wide gravel shoulder on the north side from Grey Street to Elgin Street and from there has sidewalks on both sides of the highway.

We request the speed limit on this section of road (Bay St. E / Bayview Drive) be reduced to 35km/hr with numerous speed signs erected in both directions. In particular, signage is needed within approximately 50 meters of the "S" turns on Bay Street E. and Bayview Drive, as drivers seem to think that a straightaway gives them the right to speed up.

In addition we request that the new speed limit be enforced for the first three months to ensure motorists will comply.

We are also concerned about the number of large trucks that use Grey Street, Bay Street and Bayview Drive when there is a highway available 50 meters south. Residential roads are not designed for the heavy loads and frequency of use.