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Request to lower speed limit to 60km/hr on Pretty River Road (From the Collingwood/Clearview town line to Grey road 31), Blue Mountain, Ontario

To the Town Clerk, Corrina Giles.

We as concerned users and residents of PRETTY RIVER ROAD hereby request the Town of Blue Mountain to lower the existing speed limit from 80km/hr to 60km/hr. The reason for this is general public safety.

As you are aware, our beautiful part of Ontario has become a destination for outdoor enthusiasts of every kind, with the helpful publications in editorials like escarpment magazine and mountain life.. Our little gem in Canada is enjoying the limelight ,People are coming from all over to drive and ride along our roads, and we are happy for the boom it brings to our economy. However the increase in traffic along this stretch of road is proving to be increasingly dangerous. Especially to the vulnerable users of the Provincial park that the road winds through. In recent discussions with the many vulnerable users of the road we have found these concerns, and thus listed

are a few of the reasons we would like to see the speed limit reduced to an appropriate speed.

1. Pretty River Road is a Scenic route. The blind curves and undulating terrain, as well as the thick vegetation and pristine landscape, are what make this particular area such a draw. Unfortunately these same characteristics are what make it a dangerous drive at excessive speed and what motorized thrill seekers find appealing.
2. Bruce trail crossing and parking - In this area lots of hikers enjoy our beautiful park and escarpment area.
3. Cyclists - This route has been used in a number of races that have brought much positive notoriety to our area and countless numbers of cyclists train on these roads with clubs coming from the local region, the GTA and further.
4. Deer wintering area - The number of deer to car accidents in this area can be reduced with a lower speed limit.
5. Hunters - During hunting season the road is often lined with vehicles.
6. Snowshoers - In winter those hikers become snowshoers and this presents it's own sets of challenges and parking is one of them. People generally park on the side of the road and this narrows the road significantly.
7. Snowmobilers - Cross the road often at the first curve from the parking lot to get into Pretty River Valley Provincial Park. This happens to be a blind curve.

We are very concerned, as at this rate it is only a matter of time before a very serious accident occurs involving a speeding motorist and a cyclist or hiker or other vulnerable users, a few deer have been hit already and we have had a few close incidents.

We appreciate your dedication and your willingness to work with different user groups to make our area the best and safest place to be. The reduction of the speed limit on this special stretch of road as

soon as possible would indeed be an opportunity to implement our Community Vision..

"The Blue Mountains will be a progressive four season community, building on its agricultural and recreational features, offering a healthy and supportive lifestyle to a diverse range of residents, businesses and visitors."

Regards

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