

April 20/16

To the Honourable Mayor  
and Members of Council

Please find enclosed a letter and survey that was circulated this spring, 2016; to residents living on Marsh and Matilda Streets in Clarksburg. The business area was not included.

Copies of the response letters are enclosed with individual comments.

The letter is regarding the stretch of roads (Marsh and Matilda) within the village limits of Clarksburg.

The main concern is regards to speeding and the lack of enforcement along this stretch of road.

This has been a safety concern for a long time and in discussion with residents other issues were also addressed. The survey portion of the letter has been used to determine how much of a concern these other issues are for the residents.

It is hoped that you will take these concerns which effect the safety of everyone, seriously.

As residents, we would like to request that the O.P.P. be directed to enforce the speed limit.

Also that the community safety zone signs be extended to the outskirts of the village with reminder signs placed where the present signs are.

With regards to the municipality wanting to take greater participation of the roads now is perhaps the time to consider re-classification of this section of road.

We trust that we will receive a written response with regards to our concerns. This response may be addressed to D. Crosskill, Box 32 Clarksburg.

Thank you.  
for your  
consideration.

## **To the Honourable Mayor and Members of Council**

This letter is with regards to traffic issues and concerns on portions of Grey Rd. 13, with the main focus on the section within the village of Clarksburg boundaries, specifically Matilda and Marsh Street. The residents living along this section of road are respectfully asking council to review these concerns, provide direction to the pertinent municipal staff to respond and take action to rectify these concerns in a timely fashion.

The residents are concerned with the speed of the traffic and the increase of traffic (pedestrian, school bus route, bikes, transport trucks and slower moving agricultural vehicles). There appears to be an inherited traffic flow (agricultural vehicles) since the decommissioning of the Clendenan bridge. It is interesting that the 10th line which leads straight out to Hwy. 26 and to the storages at Binkleys and Blue Water and avoids the more densely populated area has not been maintained.

### **Signage**

This section is well posted with regards to the speed limit of 50 km. The Community Safety sign is posted at the top of the hill on Marsh heading into the village rather than at the outskirts of the village (past Matilda). The opposite of this sign stating that the Community Safety is ended is also located in this area. It has been noticed that the hamlets of Heathcote and Ravenna have the Community Safety signs on the outer limits of the hamlets. Why not ensure the same safety for community members living within the village of Clarksburg, by placing the sign on the village edge? This would seem appropriate as part of Matilda does not have sidewalks for pedestrians to use. (In the past, the sidewalk did go farther along the north side of Matilda.)

Although, the signage is there, it is often noticed by residents that on this strip of Grey Rd. 13 (upper Marsh St. and Matilda) traffic is exceeding the speed limit, but rarely enforced.

The electronic awareness sign erected by the O.P.P. has been used along this strip for brief periods. Most citizens are aware if the municipality post signs with reduced speeding limits then enforcement cost increases. Yet, a sign without enforcement has proven to be somewhat of a futile exercise.

### **Road Condition**

The question is, does this road adequately have the infrastructure to support the amount the increasing amount and types of traffic for present and future travel on this section.

### **Trucking**

It is understood that some delivery trucks need to use this route to enter and depart the village of Clarksburg. The concerns lie with the increase in amount and size of the transport trucks presently and in the future travelling this section. There is also the question to what these trucks are carrying (potential for hazards). Should this be monitored better or should these types of loads be travelling through an area of population density at all? These trucks are also travelling past a school. In the event of an accident is the Town of The Blue Mountains prepared to cope with the situation, in a timely fashion for the safety of all concerned. The residents would like to have this road re-classified for light traffic and within the re-classification the following concerns are embedded; speed reduction, advanced warning systems and that all upper tier regulations are respected and enforced especially within the village core and institutional areas.

### **Specific Area of Concern With Regards to Accidents**

Another area of concern is with regards to the corner of Marsh and Matilda Streets. This area has had numerous vehicle accidents over the years, some of which have been fatal. This area, one would think, would be classified as a hot spot within the Grey County Transportation Department, supported by O.P.P. accident reports. These accidents appear to be related to speed and /or weather related road conditions. Not only those involved in the accident are at risk but it affects residents who morally feel the need to assist.

Some individuals have offered suggestions on how to approach these concerns - ranging from increased enforcement, to speed bumps, seriated driving surface. cameras, reconfiguring the road or flashing lights to raise awareness. Given, we as taxpayers and residents have elected the council to serve the community, we are trusting that council will provide municipal staff with the necessary direction to have a timely conclusion to our concerns with regards to our safety. We understand that this is a county road but it is also a road within the municipality of the Town of The Blue Mountains. Concerns regarding this section should also be brought to the attention of the county by this council.

Thank you for your consideration.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Number of family members at the above address \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

CONCERN	RATING	
	NOT CONCERNED	VERY CONCERNED
SIGNAGE		
ROAD CONDITIONS		
TRUCKING		
ACCIDENTS		

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Petition received with  
21 signatures



RECEIVED  
APR 25 2016

TOWN OF THE BLUE MOUNTAINS  
PER:

D1

TO TOMAHAWK  
SOLF CORSE.

10th line

GSCA

CONSERVATION

LION'S PARK.

HAINES DAM  
not replaced  
still studying

For a number of years.  
Decommissioned  
Bridge

FIREMAN'S  
PARK.

FRAZIER  
zone

MARSH  
Street Centre

OPP  
FIRE  
station

side road 30

clank street

clank street

unopened  
road allowing

Brook street.

John street.

community  
SAFETY ZONE  
sign.

TRAFFIC  
route  
partially  
closed

THE citizens  
of MARSH street  
inherit this  
traffic

HS

Speeding

NO side  
walks

HS

Accident  
Hot spots.

Accident  
Hot spots.

THERE ARE TRACTOR TRAILERS.  
MEDIUM SIZED + smaller trucks  
Bicycles, School buses, CARS, and  
on sunny weekends hundreds of  
motorcycles, plus slow moving  
Agricultural vehicles from TIME to  
TIME, USING this traffic corridor.

13 Speeding

40

Speedy

Speeding

MARSH STREET

GREY Road 2