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From: Mick Peters <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 9:19 PM  
To: Alar Soever <[REDACTED]>  
Subject: Highway 26 Speed limit

Dear Mayor Soever,

I am writing in support of the current reduction in speed limit from Craigeith through west of the Provincial Park. I understand that MTO has authorized the reduction through October 13th when it will revert to 80 kmph from the current 50kmph.

As 22 year permanent residents on Highway 26 my wife and I have been very concerned that the MTO fails to recognize the residential nature of the highway west of Craigeith village. While the limit in Craigeith is 60kmph down from 70kmph from Collingwood to the Grey County border, it jumps up to 80kmph for several kilometres of our residential area which stretches on both sides of the highway way past the Provincial Park. Cars routinely exceed this limit and do 90 or 100 kmph through this stretch.

In previous attempts by myself and other residents to reduce the speed limit there has been no support for doing this from MTO ostensibly because it is a major transportation corridor and there has been no evidence of "enough" accidents so far.

I can tell you I have had several near misses with cars overtaking me going west while I am trying to make a turn into my driveway on the south side. Also there have been many mishaps at the Pinery Plaza with sudden braking or overtaking onto the shoulder by cars that are too impatient to wait for others turning into the plaza.

I have been monitoring the compliance with the temporary speed reduction and am pleased that the majority of vehicles are doing so albeit driving at 60kmph which I think is a more sustainable limit. This is occurring without any police cars stationed along the highway or flashing warning signs. It seems to me that a permanent adoption of a reduction along the stretch to 60kmph would be a major benefit to highway residents and shoppers when it only adds a few extra minutes to travellers and provides some consistency along the highway from the Simcoe County border in Craigeith.

I hope that the Town and County can have a serious discussion with MTO about this as I have no doubt it will only be a matter of time when a very serious accident will occur.

Please pass this on to the Transportation Committee of Council which I understand is addressing this issue.

Sincerely

Mick Peters  
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