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Subject: Town Issues Review & Action Required and Appreciated

Dear Valued Mayor, Representative Councillors and Administrators,

I would like to point out a few issues as a long time resident that have been building up over time, getting worse and is destroying the fabric of our beautiful quaint town/area-

1) **Alice Street West** between Victoria Street and Bruce Street/HWY13- Vehicular traffic has increased substantially since the new Foodland /LCBO were opened and overall growth. Private cars and delivery trucks are using Alice Street West (Elma and Louisa as well) as a shortcut to get to and from the Foodland/LCBO as well as the dog park. The speeds of most of these vehicles are travelling in great excess of a reasonable speed. Neighbours have posted "slow down/children at play" signs to no avail. We DO NOT feel safe. Signs need to be put up at Victoria and Bruce St. stating that this is a NO THROUGH STREET. As well, there are no posted speed limit signs that I can find on Alice Street W. meaning one can go 50 KM/H as per provincial rules. It should be 30KM/HR. We also need traffic calming measures to assist. Again there are many children, bicyclists etc... in the area and it is close to Moreau park. Where is the "We Respect and Value Our Neighbourhoods and the Safety of OUR Fellow Citizens that Makes OUR Town a Beautiful Place" the town can promote?

2) **DOGS-** A daily occurrence on my property/others and it is absolutely unequivocally disrespectful, disgusting, boorish, unhygienic and is trespassing. See picture attached as an example. Dog owners let their dogs urinate on my planter, cedar hedge(permanently damaged) and leave the excrement on private and town property that I am responsible for. Really, I am supposed to tend to my flowers filled with dog urine and excrement and have to clean it up and dispose of it? What type of ignorant, disrespectful dog owning citizenry do we have in our town that think they can just let their dogs do this? The selfish boorish attitude is "it's not my property who cares". They need to be educated and fined if they are not respectful. Bylaw 2006-32 clause 13.0 just does not do this. We need strict heavy fines for this type of breach of a bylaw that has to do with health and respect for private and public property. \$1000 1st offence and this should be indicated in the annual Dog license renewal forms that come with the taxes. Where is the "We Respect and Value OUR Fellow Citizens and Private Property that Helps Make OUR Town a Beautiful Place" the town can promote?

3) **Tree Cutting Bylaw** - Do we have one? It seems any property owner can just cut down healthy trees without a permit or review especially in the "urban areas". Just because we live in the country and "think" we have more trees than a big city does not mean we can disrespect the beauty and many decades of growth and cut down trees for any reason. It takes generations for large trees to come back. Where is the "We Respect & Value Nature that Makes OUR Town a Beautiful Place" the town can promote? Is there a review process and permit required to remove trees from private or public property?

4) **Idling Bylaw**- Do we have a Vehicle Idling Bylaw? Many cars specifically on Bruce Street adjacent to the stores/shops etc.. just let their cars idle in all seasons. Where is the "We Respect & Value Nature that Makes OUR Town a Beautiful Place".

Thanking All for your CONSIDERATION and ACTION in helping make this fine town an even better place to live, play and grow...

Kind Regards & Be Well,

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