

Subject: Request for Council Support – Safety Concerns on County Road 17 and Prince of Wales Intersection

Dear Members of Council,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing as a concerned resident to bring forward an urgent, and yet ongoing, safety issue along County Road 17, and to respectfully ask that the Town support its residents in advocating for changes at the County level.

I am requesting that the speed limit on County Road 17 be reduced from 80 km/h to 60 km/h west of Prince of Wales, and further reduced to 40 km/h west of the Mulmur–Melancthon Townline. In addition, I am asking that the intersection of County Road 17 and Prince of Wales be converted into a four-way stop.

There have been ongoing incidents and near misses along this stretch of road, which continue to put residents, drivers and children at risk. The current speed limit of 80 km/h encourages excessive speeds that are not suitable given the growing residential activity in the area and the number of children and school buses using this route daily.

These current speed limits create an especially dangerous situation for children and students waiting for or boarding buses. Drivers often approach too quickly to react safely, even when buses are stopped with lights flashing.

While I understand that County Road 17 falls under County jurisdiction, I believe it is important for the Town to be aware of these concerns and to advocate on behalf of its residents for these necessary safety measures. A formal letter of support from Council to the County would go a long way in helping bring attention to this matter.

Reducing the speed limit and introducing a four-way stop at Prince of Wales may be an effective step toward preventing further accidents and ensuring the safety of everyone who travels through this area.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. I would greatly appreciate Council's support in requesting a traffic and safety review by the County and in prioritizing improvements for this section of County Road 17.

Sincerely,
Kaitlin DeVore

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