

**From:** David Murtha  
**Sent:** Monday, April 29, 2019 3:24 PM  
**To:** Joseph Kelly  
**Subject:** 40 KM SPEED LIMIT

Hello Joe,

Sorry for the delay in getting this information to you. The data collection took longer than I had expected.

Earlier this month you advised me that City Council has asked for a report on the feasibility on instituting 40 km/ hour zones across whole neighborhoods within the Town of Lindsay. You asked if there is any comment the City of Kawartha Lakes Police Service would like to make from an enforcement perspective to be included in the report. In response, I have collected some data that I believe may be helpful for consideration in your report to City Council.

During the period of time between January 1, 2018 and April 24, 2019, a total of 366 on scene collisions were reported to our police service. "On scene collisions" are motor vehicle collisions in which a member of the police service has attended to investigate the collision, as opposed to collisions in which the involved drivers report on their own to the Collision Reporting Centre. Of that total number, the investigating officer determined that only 4 involved drivers had been exceeding the posted speed limit. There were also 8 collisions in which the investigating officer determined that an involved driver was driving too fast for the weather or road conditions, (driving too fast for snow or ice covered roads during the winter is an example). Taking this into consideration, I do not believe that reducing the speed limit within the town to 40 km/ hour would have a significant impact on the number of motor vehicle collisions taking place.

From an enforcement perspective, from January 1, 2019 to April 24, 2019 our police service has issued 450 Provincial Offence Notices for offences under the Highway Traffic Act. Of that total number of offence notices issued, 252 or 56% were for the offence of speeding. I will break this figure down further to differentiate between speeding offences taking place within the Town of Lindsay (within 40km/ hour to 60km/ hour speed limit zones), as opposed to speeding offences taking place outside of the town on roadways with an 80/km an hour speed limit. On average, 28% of the offence notices issued for speeding were issued within the town limits, (posted 40 km/hour to 60 km/hour zones). The remaining 72% of the offence notices issued for speeding were issued outside of the Town of Lindsay on roadways with a posted 80 km/ hour zone. The vast majority of offence notices issued for speeding within the Town of Lindsay were issued on Angeline Street north or south, as opposed to on streets in residential neighbourhoods. I do believe there would be an increase in the number of Provincial Offence Notices issued for speeding by our police service within the Town of Lindsay if the posted speed limit was reduced to 40 km/ hour.

From January 1, 2019 until April 24, 2019 I have received 45 traffic complaints from members of the public. Of that total number of traffic complaints I have received, 16 or 35% were for reports of vehicles speeding on roadways with a posted 40km/ hour zone to a 60 km/ hour zone within the Town of Lindsay. The remaining 29 traffic complaints were for a variety of other concerns, (parking, improper use of crosswalks, vehicles not stopping for school buses, etc.). Taking the figures of enforcement and complaints from the public into consideration, (28% of total speeding offence notices issued within the

town, compared with 35% of traffic complaints received relate to reports of speeding within the town) there is not much disparity. Based on those figures, it would appear that speeding is more of a concern outside of the town, in posted 80 km / hour zones as opposed to within the town's current 40 km / hour to 60 km / hour zones.

Is this information contained in an email sufficient for you to use? Or would you prefer it in another format, (i.e. on KLPS letterhead)? Please let me know.

Thank you for your patience Joe.

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