

Dear Mayor Letham

Thank you for speaking with me today and listening to my concerns regarding the speed limit issue on North Bay Drive. Our family has owned the same property on North Bay Drive for over 47 years and as one of the 27 property owners who signed the petition, we strongly support reducing the speed limit on the shoreline section from 50 km/h to 40 km/h.

As you are aware, the majority of residents/cottagers on North Bay Drive have to cross the road to access the lakefront portion of our property (roughly 48 of 70 properties). Many residents who we have spoken with have expressed concerns with the speed of motorists using this section of the road.

For us, this is a very real safety concern as we have experienced or heard of many incidents involving close calls or in the case of one family, their dog being killed by a car in front of their home. In addition, many residents, their guests as well as visitors from Balsam Lake Provincial Park, walk or cycle along North Bay Drive on a regular basis having to share the road with vehicles.

We strongly believe that the current speed limit of 50 km/h is not appropriate for the shoreline section of the street and this view is supported by the findings of the recent shoreline road study conducted by the City of Kawartha Lakes. It is the professional opinion of Joe Kelly from your Engineering Department that 40 km/h is the appropriate speed limit for the shoreline section of the street and is consistent with other similar shoreline roads in the City of Kawartha Lakes.

Some important facts that I would like to bring to your attention which I hope may alleviate any misconceptions or concerns of some of the residents:

- The bylaw amendment to reduce the speed limit from 50 km/h to 40 km/h only applies to the 2 km stretch of shoreline road from the bend at the north end of North Bay Drive to the dead-end at the provincial park. The speed limit for the remaining 2 km section from the bend to the highway will not be effected.
- The traffic study sampling indicated an average speed along the populated shoreline section of 54 km/h with speeds recorded as high as 95 km/h.
- The additional time it will take for someone to travel the 2 km shoreline section from park to bend at 40 km/h is a mere 36 seconds.
- The braking distance at 40 km/h vs 50 km/h is dramatically reduced by 16.6 feet which could make all the difference in stopping in time and could potentially be the difference in preventing a tragic incident.

I appreciate your understanding and ask for your support of the speed limit bylaw amendment at the September 11th Council Meeting.

Respectfully,

*Ed and Nancy*

Ed Koe and Nancy Lennox



cc. Councillor Yeo