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Mayor Doug Elmslie and Members of Council,

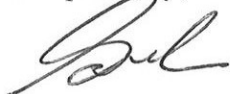
On behalf of residents, property owners, and concerned community members of Long Point, Balsam Lake, I am submitting a petition to the City to reduce the speed limit on Omega Road and Otter Road from 80 km./hr. to 60 km./hr. and to post signs on these roads setting this speed limit.

Omega Road and Otter Road are used by the cottagers and residents of Long Point, as well as by other property owners in the south bay of Balsam Lake, for access to their properties. For several years, these roads were in a condition which limited the speed at which vehicles could travel. In 2024, the City paved the roads to provide a smooth-running surface for which we are grateful. Since then however, we have noticed that some vehicles are travelling at higher, and at times, unsafe speeds. There are presently no signs posting the speed limit and we have been advised by the OPP in Lindsay that the legal speed limit is 80 km/hr. We request that this be reduced.

Rationale For Reducing Speed Limit

1. **Safety Concerns:** Both Omega Road and Otter Road are rural roads with narrow shoulders and without horizontal curves that would reduce speeds. The current 80 km/h speed limit increases the risk of accidents involving pedestrians, cyclists, wildlife, and other vehicles.
2. **Increased Residential Use:** The area has seen increased year-round residential traffic and recreational activity. Lowering the speed limit would better reflect the current usage and community character.
3. **Road Conditions:** These roads are not designed for high-speed travel. Narrow lanes and shoulders make 80 km/h an unsafe speed limit, particularly in inclement weather.
4. **Precedent in Surrounding Area:** Similar rural roads in the City of Kawartha Lakes have had their limits reduced to 60 km/hr. to improve livability and safety. Aligning Omega and Otter Roads with this standard would be consistent and equitable.

Respectfully,



Gerry Lynch