



Town of The Blue Mountains

32 Mill Street, Box 310
THORNBURY, ON N0H 2P0
www.thebluemountains.ca

OFFICE OF: Shawn Everitt
Chief Administrative Officer
Email: cao@thebluemountains.ca
Phone: 519-599-3131 Ext 234

Sent via E-mail (kim.wingrove@grey.ca and pat.hoy@grey.ca)

August 30, 2021

Kim Wingrove
Chief Administrative Officer
Grey County

Pat Hoy
Director of Transportation
Grey County

RE: Extension of Existing Community Safety Zone in Clarksburg and Thornbury

Dear Ms. Wingrove and Mr. Hoy,

At its August 18, 2021 meeting, The Blue Mountains Police Services Board received correspondence from Mr. Ken McGuire (Attachment 1) requesting consideration of safety enhancements to the Marsh Street and Clark Street intersection in the Village of Clarksburg.

After the benefit of discussion between the Police Services Board members and Town staff, it was requested that a letter be submitted to Grey County requesting County staff consider extending the existing Community Safety Zone.

Staff took the opportunity to drive the subject section of road shortly after the Police Services Board meeting and found that the section identified is currently posted as a Community Safety Zone and a number of signs are currently installed. However, in addition to the concept the Community Safety Zone, the Police Services Board considered the specific requests made by Mr. McGuire and suggest that the request to Grey County include the installation of permanent digital speed identification signage similar to signage installed on Grey Road 13 at the entry points to the Village of Kimberley.

Staff believe that previous consideration by Grey County which established the Community Safety Zone would have identified Bruce Street, Marsh Street, and Matilda Street as being

sections of Grey Road 13 with a significant range of community uses. These uses include local businesses and key community support institutions that would greatly benefit from the extension of the community safety zone to assist with traffic calming, enhance pedestrian use, and strengthen a sharing of the road philosophy.

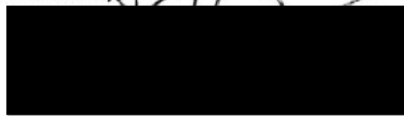
This stretch of Grey Road 13 also fronts both the Thornbury and Clarksburg main streets and core business areas, the Errinrunc Nursing Home and Retirement facility, a total of five (5) Churches, the Public Library, the Beaver Valley Community School, and the Beaver Valley Legion. This section of road is also a significant cycling route with a significant amount of vehicular traffic and a high agricultural (apple industry) use.

Town staff suggest the following modifications to the existing Community Safety Zone:

- Review of existing Community Safety Zone signage. For example, the northbound sign notes the Community Safety Zone "Begins" just north of Edward Street which creates confusion because the actual Community Safety Zone begins on Grey Road 13 south of Clarksburg;
- Town Staff will be considering the addition of Community Safety Zone signage on Clark Street to effectively advise that Marsh Street is a Community Safety Zone;
- Consider extending the current Community Safety Zone north into the Thornbury Downtown core to Highway 26 (King Street) and south on Bruce Street to include the United Church and the Errinrunc Nursing Home and Retirement Facility;
- Consider supporting the Community Safety Zones within The Blue Mountains with the installation of permanent speed identification signage to provide more notification for drivers to follow the posted speed limits and be aware of community areas.

Town staff look forward to working with Grey County staff and welcome the opportunity to investigate the implementation of speed identification signage in other Community Safety Zones for early 2022.

Sincerely,



Shawn Everitt
Chief Administrative Officer
Town of The Blue Mountains

SE/ls

Enclosed: (3) Resident Letter, Council Resolution, and Location Maps

cc: The Blue Mountains Police Services Board (via e-mail)

Sent: June 30, 2021 10:22 AM

To: Council & Clerk <councilandclerk@thebluemountains.ca>

Subject: Contact Form from Ken McGuire

Name: Ken McGuire

Message:

Hello CAO, Mayor, Grey County Roads/Transportation Department, Town of Blue Mountains elected officials. I'm writing to request having traffic lights OR hanging 4-way Caution Yellow OR 2-way Yellow Caution/2-way Red STOP and Pedestrian Crosswalk installed at the main intersection of Clarksburg, Ontario. The intersecting streets are Marsh Street/Grey Road 13 and Clark Street, also known as ARTSBURG with its Art Galleries and Businesses which are a popular tourist destination here in the Town of Blue Mountains. The intersection has become a dangerous one to navigate, given the influx/increase in residents, vehicle and pedestrian traffic over the last 5 years. As a local resident witnessing near misses, speeding vehicles on a daily basis, it seems time for someone to take action and proactively remedy/improve the safety of this intersection. It has pretty much reached a point of a statistical certainty. Not a matter of "if", but of "when"... and "how serious" an accident will occur. Can you let me know who I need to address on this matter to move it forward? Are the pictures or other information you would like us to send to accompany our Inquiry?

Thank you,

Ken McGuire



**The Town of Blue Mountains, Council Meeting
Council Meeting**

Date: Monday, July 12, 2021

Moved by: Councillor Matrosovs

Seconded by: Councillor Bordignon

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives the June 30, 2021, correspondence from Ken McGuire regarding request for safety lights in Clarksburg and refers the correspondence to the Operations Department, County of Grey and the Transportation Advisory Committee;
AND THAT Council directs that this matter be referred to the Police Services Board for information and request increased speed enforcement

The motion is Carried



