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Good afternoon

My Deputation will be on behalf of myself, personally, and as the representative of the Georgian Shores Drive Preservation Association. I live in the area of the Village of Craigleith and wish to support the of lowering the speed limits on Highway 26 at the eastern portion of the municipality. The most recent fatal motor vehicle collision has brought this matter into sharp focus with the residents of this area. There are three sections of Highway 26 that are of particular concern.

The first is the section of 26 from the westerly entrance to Timmins Road, where the speed limit changes from 60kph to 80kph, and the busy intersection of Lakeshore Road and Fraser Crescent. This intersection not only has motor vehicle traffic entering and exiting 26 but also sees substantial use by hikers, people walking their dogs and bikers crossing 26 to gain access to the Georgian Trail. Westbound traffic accelerates around a right hand curve and at 80kph plus arrives at the intersection with poor sightlines. The substantial increase in traffic experienced over the last number of years has exasperated the situation and is causing a great deal of concern with the residents of the area.

The second section is between that intersection and the traffic lights at CR19. The lands to the north of 26, on Nottawasaga Bay, have all been developed with single family residences and condominiums with individual driveways directly onto the Highway. With the existing speed and the increased traffic, property owners face increased safety issues.

The third section of 26 is from the traffic lights, past North Winds Beach, the Circle K area retail development to either the Craigleith Shores Establishment or the Provincial Park. This section has become extremely congested in the last few years with pedestrians crossing 26 to gain access to the beach area, all of the private access driveways along the area and the constant flow of motor vehicles in and out of all the commercial establishments. From my personal experience driving along this part of 26, the traffic speed very rarely exceed 50-60kph.

The purpose of the Georgian Shores Drive Preservation Association is to prevent the widening of Highway 26 to 4 and 5 lanes. It is our position that it will be necessary to develop bypasses around the area in order to provide viable alternatives for motor vehicle traffic, particularly commercial traffic, going to Meaford, Owen Sound and beyond. One of the ways to ensure the bypasses are viable and convenient, is to undertake traffic calming and slower safer speed in appropriate areas. We understand the Municipality is investigating such alternates and slower speeds. We wish to state our strong support of these measures.

In closing, I wish to support the lowering of the speed limits on Highway 26 between Timmins Road and the Provincial Park.

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