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To: The Council Members of the Town of the Blue Mountains

Re: Speed Limit on the 21st Side Road

As a 16 year resident of the 21st Side Road, east of Grey Rd. 2, I am very opposed to any change to the speed limit. I do not view the current speed or volume of traffic to be a problem.

I feel that Mr. P. Franklyn has exaggerated his reasons to support his point of view and the issues are not as he has presented:

- The hills are quite small ones.
- There is no family with young children that I know of unless he is referring to my immediate neighbours who have 2 teenage children and one slightly younger, who are weekenders and not present much since Covid restrictions have loosened.
- Driveways are open at the road with good sightlines except for maybe 2 which would benefit from some trimming of tree branches and shrubs.
- Traffic has been increasing somewhat over the 16 years but is a consequence of an increase in visitors and vacationers mostly on weekends particularly during the pandemic and has been decreasing as restrictions are lifted and summer is over. Winter weather will further decrease traffic.
- A reduction in the speed limit to 50 or 60 km/hr will not decrease traffic. Those coming from the west of the county at the north end are not likely to use Grey Rd 119 since they will use the closest road south to 40 and Hwy 26 because it is more convenient.
- A reduction in the speed limit would penalize those going to and from work who mainly travel early morning and late afternoon. Other vehicles during the day might be delivery and service trucks. During the week, when I am out and about, I am often the only vehicle on our road.
- Since I live at the very top of the road, I would have to have my brakes on for the entire length of the road to get to Grey Rd. 2. With the natural incline, I can be at 80 km/ hr without even using the gas pedal.
- I live right beside the Loree and do not find parking at the Loree a problem. The trail is mainly busier on weekends when people are out for exercise and fresh air. The pandemic brought more hikers out than usual.

In summary, Mr. Franklyn, as a weekend resident unless he has recently retired, seems to have an unrealistic, idyllic view of living in the country. The Town of the Blue Mountains is a growing community and it has been actively promoting the area to visitors and new residents over the years, so, we have to expect and accept the changes that come with it.

Thank you for your consideration,

Yours truly,

Danuta Hill