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March 31, 2022

Corrina Giles, CMO  
Town Clerk  
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Dear Ms. Giles:

Shore Acres is a residential community comprised of 63 homes on Woodland Park Road and Lakewood Drive at the west side of the intersection of Grey Road 40 and Highway 26. A recent survey of the people living at these 63 residences shows that the majority of residents of the Shore Acres community enthusiastically support the installation of a stoplight at the intersection of Grey Road 40 and Highway 26 and that the speed limit in this area be reduced to increase the safety of both pedestrians and cars entering Highway 26.

Grey Road 40 and Highway 26 are becoming exponentially busier with automobile volume every year because the population density and visitor traffic in this area has increased enormously over the past several years. There has also been a comparable increase in truck volume exiting Grey Road 40 into Highway 26. The established community on Indian Circle, the relatively new residential community at the Georgian Bay Golf Club and the new residential community bordering the south side of the Georgian Trail at Grey Road 40 have all greatly increased the population density. Residents on the south side of Highway 26 must cross the highway to access local beaches, and residents on the north side must cross the highway to access the Georgian Trail and to get their mail. It is now extremely hazardous for pedestrians to cross Highway 26. Some residents cannot cross the highway at all as they cannot walk fast enough to avoid the constant stream of traffic. In addition, cars leaving Lakewood Drive and entering Highway 26 also often experience difficulty because of the heavy traffic. Converging traffic constantly lining up on Grey Road 40 adds to the danger of collision. Many cars turning right onto Highway 26 from Grey Road make only a cursory and dangerous rolling stop to quickly enter the highway.

For safety concerns, the speed limit from Collingwood to Thornbury has been lowered in most sections from 80 kilometres per hour to 60 or 70 kilometres per hour. Our section, encompassing Shore Acres near Grey Road 40, however, has a speed limit of 80 kilometres per hour. In some areas where the speed limit was reduced, there is minimal population, and in many areas, the population density is lower than the Shore Acres area. Lowering the speed limit in the Shore Acres area would increase pedestrian and automobile safety and reduce traffic noise. Lowering the speed limit in this area would likely only add approximately a minute or two to the total travel time from Collingwood to Thornbury.

For these reasons, most of the community requests that a stoplight be installed at the corner of Highway 26 and Grey Road 40 and that the speed limit be lowered.

We respectfully request that the recommendations requested in this letter be placed on the town council's agenda at the next meeting.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Howard Phillips