

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING COMMENTS

18. School Zone Speed Limit Policy

- B. Brock - summarizing his comments from the attached submission dated July 18, 2016.
- E. Van Kesteren, 925 Lawson Road – representing the Active and Safe Routes to School Committee (ASRTS), summarizing her comments from the attached submission.
- D. Szoller, 400 Wilkins Street – summarizing her comments from the attached submission.
- J. Sherman, 1428 Commissioners Road West – stating he has statements and questions; indicating that he is surprised that it takes so much time and energy on what seems to him to be such a simple solution; asking if Commissioners Road West is an arterial road; questioning why is the safety of children disadvantaged because it happens to be an arterial road; suggesting that the committee might want to find out why the roads were changed; advising that he lives on Commissioners and that the speed limit from people coming into town is 80 km/hr and then changes to 50 km/hr; indicating there are three schools in that district Montessori, Northview and St. Georges; suggesting that if the speed limit is 50 people go 60 and if the speed limit is 70 they go 80; suggesting we all drive that way and that we all know that we won't get a ticket for going 60 in a 50 zone; suggesting that if the speed limit is reduced it will still be more than it should be; recommending that the speed limit be changed to 40 in all school zones not just the ones that are not busy but the arterial roads as well; advising that the road he lives on also has the gravel trucks travelling out of the Byron pit heading in and out of town and very little boulevards with most sidewalks right adjacent to the road; suggesting that Councillor Hopkins can attest to the speed limits on those roads; and thanking the Committee for their time.
- L. Norman, Chair, Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee (CSCP) – stating that this has been a 20-year process for the CSCP to have staff forward this on to City Council; indicating she is thrilled to see this on the agenda, stating that the CSCP is fully in favour of this and the walking school bus and anything that has to do with road safety, bicycle safety, fulfilling that 24/7; advising that they want the schools to be local community centres; suggesting that having a traffic calming measure flowing through 24/7 allows children, adults, clubs, community organizations to utilize those facilities 24/7; advising that she understands where the previous speaker was coming from as she too lives in the Commissioners Road area; explaining that it is her understanding that there will always be a crossing guard available to cross the children on arterial roads rather than signage to reduce the speed limit; suggesting that the Committee and staff should look at some of the European traffic calming measures that are vertical rather than horizontal; indicating that they say a vertical traffic calming measure is more noticeable for vehicle drivers; suggesting that some of them are optical illusions; also suggesting speed bumps can affect EMS, Fire, City buses and in London with our snow fall whereas vertical ones would be completely visible in all types of weather; indicating the CSCP fully supports everything that is being looked at, including an educational program and definitely enforcement; and thanking the Committee.
- Linda Petronis, 22 Queenston Cres – providing the attached submission as presented by Councillor M. van Holst.