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Subject: Speed on Lake Range Drive between 8th and 10th concession

I am writing you today out of an abundance of concern over the traffic speed on Lake Range Drive between concession 8 and 10. My name is John Fischer and I have lived at 796 Lake Range Drive since 2015, along with my girlfriend and our two daughters, [REDACTED]. I know there have been concerns raised in the past with respect to the speed on this road, however from my personal perspective the problem is becoming far worse. The volume of traffic and speed at which it travels has increased substantially in the past year or so. This situation is compounded by the fact that there are no shoulders on this road for walkers or bikers to utilize, and in places the ditches slope away rather steeply. I refuse to allow my children to bike on this road, and as of recently we have stopped taking family walks to the mailbox and back due to a couple of unnecessarily close calls. I am also terrified watching several of my elderly neighbors attempting to walk on the road as more often than not cars can not or will not move over for them, forcing them into the ditches or onto uneven ground. I fear it is only a matter of time before a serious injury or a fatality occurs on this stretch of road.

Traffic obviously increases in the summer months which brings about one of the main causes of the speeding, in that people are just unaware of the speed change as the limit is 80 km/h on the stretches of Lake Range to the north and south.

I spoke with the OPP regarding the issue last summer and requested they stage the portable speed measuring sign. They did this but unfortunately the officer indicated the sign was under high demand so it was only here for a mere 24 hours. There was also a car doing radar for a few days after that, but so far this summer I am yet to see any police presence. I can understand this as they have a lot of road to cover and relatively few officers in which to do that.

I don't appreciate people coming to me with problems or issues without thinking of possible solutions, so I will not put you in that position. I will propose a few measures to consider that I believe could help the situation

1. Place larger signs immediately after the intersections with both the 8th and 10th concessions indicating that you are now entering a 60km/h zone, this should help with people not from the area who are unaware of the speed change. There could also be more signs placed along the road indicating it is a 60km/h zone.
2. Install permanent digital speed monitoring signs such as you see entering many small towns, or as have recently been installed along Huron Terrace in Kincardine. These signs will flash slow down to drivers going too fast, hopefully prompting them to slow down.
3. Install a bike/walking lane on the east side of the road, similar to the ones along Lake Range between the 4th and 2nd concession in Point Clark and between the 12th concession and Saratoga road. This would provide residents with a spot to be away from the traffic while either walking or biking.
4. Install traffic calming barriers in the middle of the road, such as recently installed all over in the municipality of Kincardine. From my experience these seem to be working, however I am concerned that

they may not allow room for traffic to move over for cyclists and pedestrians should they choose to do so.

5. As a last possible resort, installing speed bumps/humps. I would personally not like this option as I have a summer car that would not handle them well, however I could deal with that if it meant the residents were safer.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter, and if you are not the appropriate person to raise these concerns to could you please point me to the person I should be working with. I would appreciate a response either by phone or by email as I know this is an issue for many of the neighbors I have spoken to.

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