

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Clerks Office; Chloe Senior](#)
Cc: [Frank Gross; Shawn Vanacker](#)
Subject: Correspondence for Council's June 14th meeting
Date: Monday, May 29, 2023 7:11:19 AM

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May 29, 2023.

Dear Members of Oxford County Council,

I am writing to express my support for the speed management and road safety measures proposed for Oxford Road 40 (Curries Road) and to thank Transport Department and Public Works staff enormously for their initiative on this matter.

My family lives and farms on the hill east of Curries where our lane is hidden from the east by the brow of the hill.

Incidents of excessive speed and dangerous driving - by cars, trucks and even large transports - have become daily occurrences. I have experienced vehicles pulling out to pass me as I slow down to enter our lane - both coming over the brow of the hill, and up! On one occasion, what undoubtedly would have been a fatal collision between the pickup truck passing me before the length of the hill downward could be seen and the innocent vehicle which appeared coming up the hill was avoided by a mere second.

The measures proposed by staff for Council's approval will be a great help toward calming the dangerous speeds on the road. Staff is also going to remove all passing lane markers from the top of the hill right to the Curries corner. We are so grateful for their response.

Sincerely,

Susan Start

[REDACTED] Curries Road

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Clerks Office](#)
Subject: Speeding Oxford Road 19 (Main Street)
Date: Monday, May 29, 2023 10:46:27 AM

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To whom it may concern,

We were encouraged to receive the Community Update dated May 10, 2023 regarding speeding on Oxford Road 19 (Main Street).

As a resident of Springford we had contacted the township of Norwich with the concerns below:

“Over the past few months, the speeding on Main Street East from Springford to Otterville has increased dramatically. There has been a lot of noise from acceleration, as well as passing of other cars and even a moving school bus, despite a solid line. All manner of vehicles take part. Children live in the area as well.

It seems that as soon as the “80 km begins” sign is in view, drivers accelerate right away without waiting to reach it.

I have spoken to a few of my neighbours who share these concerns as well.

Please advise what can be done.”

We received a quick reply from the Township suggesting we refer our concerns to the OPP. We were unable to contact them in person but left the above concerns on hard copy.

It does not look like we are able to attend the meeting in person, but would like you to have our input. The situation is especially bad as drivers leave the village.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Dieter Werner

[REDACTED]
Otterville (Springford), ON
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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Frank Gross](#); [Clerks Office](#)
Cc: [Shawn Vanacker](#)
Subject: Proposed road safety measures for Oxford Road 40
Date: Friday, May 26, 2023 4:41:51 PM

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Greetings Frank,

I hope that all is well with you. I have been reviewing the proposed road safety measures for Oxford Road 40 east of Curries. As with many roads, we have had issues with speeding vehicles. This is a busy road for vehicles, pedestrians, cyclists, and farm equipment. In addition, we seem to attract an increasing amount of truck traffic. A few local businesses such as Fallowfield Excavating and Floral Express have added even more to this.

The presence of Start's Hill compounds the problems. Many vehicles speed up to take on the hill when heading east or they pick up speed coming down the hill when heading west. I have had vehicles attempt to pass me ascending the hill (unbelievable) as well as when descending. This is very dangerous given the short sightlines and the hidden driveways that exist. Curries Road is rather unforgiving as there is a lack of shoulders and no room to accommodate other drivers or pedestrians once speeders suddenly see them.

Warning signs and reducing the speed limit will help educate and alert drivers. Data gathering is also important and can be utilized by police for speed enforcement. Unfortunately, as we have seen at the intersection of Curries Road and Middletown Line, no amount of traffic calming can completely compensate for driver error and recklessness. Nonetheless I am very supportive of these proposed changes and hope that they will slow the traffic down along this section of road and make it safer for those of us living here.

Thank you and take care.

Alan Dale

[REDACTED] Curries Road

From: [Nick Barnim](#)
To: [Chloe Senior](#)
Subject: RE: Speed increase in Springford
Date: Friday, May 12, 2023 2:27:34 PM
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Thanks for the response, Chloe, I really appreciate this.

I would like to also point to you the recent petition;

The population of Springford is around 400 according to the County of Oxfords website.

As of 6 hours there are already 85 signatures. Which is more than 20% of the population of our Village. I assume this will climb significantly by days end.

Delmer, Brownsville, Harley, Oxford Centre, Foldens, Sweaburg and Burgessville are all 50km Zones. All similar in size to Springford.

This is the email I sent to Mayor Jim Palmer, Could you please include this?

I think the consensus here in our community, is this is a bad idea.

Springford is Growing, the new houses on Main Street, the new cul-de-sac off water street, and many families moving to rural communities from larger ones.

There are approximately 35-40 children who get on the bus on Main street (19). These range from Woodstock Christian, Glendale High School, South Ridge Public, RCS in Norwich, and I am sure there is one more, as there are countless busses travelling through. There are approximately 8 bus stops in the proposed increased speed limit area with these kids.

Our Park is on the main street, for the kids to get to the park, they must walk on the north side of the road, where there is a sidewalk, and cross to the south to get to the park, over a proposed speed limit increased roadway.

There are also several walkers who use the main street sidewalk as exercise from one end of the village to the other. They range from Teenagers, to the elderly and retired.

The sidewalk is only on one side of the street, forcing walkers and bus riders to cross at least once. Either a) on the way to school, or b) on the way home.

We know the intersection with the zig zag on Main street and 13 has had multiple accidents, and many with farm equipment because of the speed that everyone travels through. Increasing the limit will only make this corner even worse for every commuter up and down county road 13. Everyone is in a hurry to get through and I have even witnessed cars taking a short cut through the gas station parking lot.

I have a camera set up in front of my house and the sensitivity was set rather high, so I received notifications every time a car drove by. I had over 600 vehicles between 4am and noon. The traffic is tremendous, and I know many people use Springford as a travel through to their destination, but we have to keep the residents in it safe, especially the kids!!

Thanks

Nick Barnim, *Estimating Manager*



***I am currently working remotely so please call my cell or email to get in touch.*

From: Chloe Senior

Sent: Friday, May 12, 2023 2:20 PM

To: Nick Barnim

Subject: RE: Speed increase in Springford

Thank you for your comments, I will included them as correspondence on Council's agenda of June 14, 2023.

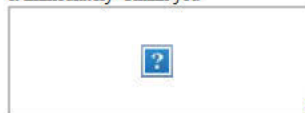
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From: Nick Barnim [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2023 10:09 PM

To: Clerks Office <clerksoffice@oxfordcounty.ca>

Subject: Speed increase in Springford

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To whom it may concern,

As it stands, there are 13 children under 12 years old who catch the bus and have to cross the street at Oxford road 19 and water street In Springford every morning and every evening.

There is not a crosswalk for these kids, there is not a stop sign where they can safely cross, and the proposed change is to increase the limit?

At a rough count, there is approximately 20 children under the age of 15 who live in Springford on road 19, where the proposed speed limit would be increasing. Right now, in a 50km zone cars, trucks, transports, and even tractors do not obey this limit. By increasing this to a 60, you are only putting these kids at more risk of getting hit.

Will it take one of these kids getting hit by a car waiting for their bus in the morning to reduce the speed?

Will it take the countless older women who get their exercise walk in the early morning to get hit?

Will it take more accidents at the corner of 19 and 13?

This change was not made by this community.... and I hope it will not be made by someone who doesn't live in our community.

Thanks

Nick Barnim, [REDACTED]

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Chloe Senior

From: Julie Dykxhoorn [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2023 7:09 PM
To: Frank Gross; Clerks Office; Jim Palmer; John Scholten
Subject: Springford Speed Limit (at 50 it's already 60 plus)

Categories: Correspondence

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Just voicing my concerns regarding raising the speed limit from 50 km to 60 km. This village is home to many families with small children, many of them catching school buses and having to cross this very busy road that people speed on going much more than 50km! I can see someone getting badly hurt if it is allowed to be raised to 60 and drivers doing much much more than that.

Another concern is that the sidewalks and parking lane on other side aren't even safe to walk on as dirt bikes, ATVs, lawnmowers and golf carts are using them. The worst is the dirt bikes that fly down the sidewalks popping wheelies and also at night without lights on! Heck, I've even seen an adult on an ATV teaching a very young child how to ride a dirt bike ON THE SIDEWALK!! I thought it was illegal to do this. Where does this leave the young families to walk? On the road where you want to raise the speed limit to 60 which will mean 90 plus for some. Recipe for disaster.

We live on Main Street East and my husband and I oppose this speed limit increase.

Here's a suggestion, have someone come sit out here for a day and track traffic speed. You'll see how fast the traffic is. And watch out for the dirt bikes

Eric and Julie Dykxhoorn

Sent from my iPhone

Chloe Senior

From: Gord Condie [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2023 10:49 PM
To: Jim Palmer; John Scholten; Clerks Office
Subject: Speed management and road safety

Categories: Correspondence

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Good evening to you;

I have just finished reading the speed management and road safety proposed changes on the oxford county website and I am appalled at what they are planning to do!!

Could anyone please explain to me how RAISING the speed limit on Main Street in Springford is going to address the speeding issue that has been and continues to be a major safety issue for the residents of our village??

This is absolutely ludicrous!!

How were these decisions made with absolutely no input from the residents of Springford??

Please stand up for the people you were elected to represent and take our concerns to the county and get this ridiculous proposal STOPPED!!

There are many children who have to cross the street to get on the bus in the morning and again to get home at night. There is no cross walk or stop sign to protect these children and now they want to RAISE the speed limit!!

Cars, trucks, transports, tractors, motorcycles and even four wheeled ATV's already travel this section of road at 60 to 80km/hr and the posted speed limit is currently 50km/hr. I can only imagine how fast they will go if the speed limits is RAISED.

Instead of raising the speed limit, I suggest that we enforce the current 50km/hr speed limit. I will volunteer my driveway for the OPP to park and pick off these speeders!! We will also need a few tow trucks to take away all the vehicles that will be confiscated because of the excessive speed being driven.

Thank you

Gord Condie

Chloe Senior

From: Karly Verberne [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2023 7:33 AM
To: Frank Gross; Clerks Office
Subject: Speeding issues in Springford

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Due By: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 3:30 PM
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> Good morning,

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> I've read the proposed plan for reducing speeding in Springford. I don't quite understand how INCREASING the speed limit from 50km to 60km will reduce speeding. Right now most vehicles and farm equipment drive at least 70 through the village. There are at least 30 kids that get on and off the school bus throughout the village and walk and ride bikes daily. The speeding is out of control. And it's normally the same vehicles and farm equipment every day I see flying through town.

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> Surely there are better and more effective options instead of increasing the speed limit, and giving vehicles permission to go even faster than they already do.

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> Please reconsider increasing the speed limit for the safety of everyone in the village.

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> Sincerely,

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> Karly Verberne
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Clerks Office; Frank Gross](#)
Subject: Comment on Curries Rd # 40 Speed management for council and Frank Gross
Date: Monday, May 15, 2023 2:18:30 PM

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To Frank Gross, Manager of Transportation and Waste

To Oxford County Council, meeting of June 14, 2023, this letter is my presentation.

I have been a resident, for over 50 years, on the affected portion of County road 40, Curries Rd, mentioned in the Speed Management and Road Safety report. My wife and I walk almost daily from our residence the entire designated zone to the 59 intersection. Other people walk this same section of road which has no side walks or provision for pedestrians or cyclists. This road is used by touring cyclists. Since it was paved many years ago it has become a popular road for transport trucks and other heavy vehicles. When the road was paved and resurfaced 3 or 4 times it adhered to a standard road width. As a pedestrian I observe that the road edges are repeatedly compromised by large vehicles particularly on the hill and certain driveway entrances to the detriment of the road bed. Also as a pedestrian the road margins are not easily to walk on so the road surface itself becomes the walking path.

That said, there are other significant issues as a motorist on county road 40, namely the intersection with highway 59. The volume of traffic has increased remarkably the past few years. It is not uncommon now to wait for 20 or 30 vehicles to pass before entering traffic. That is a change from years ago when that never happened. Anyone who wishes to cross from one side of 40 to the other side has to make a calculated dash across the 59 road because the intersection has a serious visibility issue to the north. Anyone crossing or making a left turn has to be very vigilant as oncoming traffic from the north rises over a nearby blind spot. In addition anyone turning left off of 59 coming from the north presents a rear end collision hazard while waiting to make their turn. However that intersection was not mentioned in the review.

Two of the proposals may impinge on my enjoyment of my property. These are an electronic speed sign and a hidden driveway sign. From the map these locations are not precise.

A hidden driveway sign existed adjacent to my property for several years but was relocated some meters to the east about 2020. That seemed a logical move because my drive and a neighbours drive both may be considered partially obscured. The proposal to add another hidden driveway sign essentially to replace the one relocated a few meters down the road seems redundant. The distance involved between the proposed and existing hidden driveway signs when travel time between them is considered at 70 kmh is between 5 and 10 seconds. The existing sign is purportedly useful for three driveways. The proposal is

essential a sign per driveway. When the sign was moved two years ago several people who travel the road frequently were asked if they had noticed the sign had been moved. None said they even knew there was a sign or had been a sign. Thus the value of said sign or signs is likely pointless. I did notice that the sign, before it was moved, created a small obstruction of the view to west when I exited my driveway going west. When I make a left turn out of my driveway to go east there is a rise to the west that obscures oncoming traffic from the west, a definite hazard. When the road was reconstructed no effort was made to regrade that rise and I doubt that adding a sign on the south side of the road would alter the speed of any driver. Crossing the road to set out garbage requires an attentive ear to identify any oncoming traffic. I would not depend on a yellow road sign on the south side to save my life. I would suggest not adding another road sign on the north side as a suitable sign exists that covers the three driveways affected in a distance covered in a few seconds driving time.

As to the installation of an electronic feedback sign I hope that it's location would not be an annoyance to any property that might be adjacent, including mine. Perhaps integrating it with the existing hidden driveway sign may have some merit. As to turning this rural road into a quasi urban street changing the speed limit has some limited value. Some people slow down for pedestrians and many do not. Signs do not make safer roads, altering the nature of the road does.

In summary I wish to reiterate that the highway 59 egress and ingress to road 40 is a primary long standing hazard issue. That county road 40 ought to be wider, and the vertical curve (hill) be altered to improve line of sight. Adding a bicycle / pedestrian strip on the road would be an improvement. Adding more road sign clutter would not be an improvement as these signs can create visibility issues seeing oncoming traffic when entering the road.

sincerely

John Eacott

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Clerks Office](#)
Cc: [Frank Gross](#)
Subject: Re: Proposed Safety Improvements Culloden Line Road 10 Verschoyle Ontario
Date: Thursday, June 8, 2023 10:07:33 AM

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Hello... My name is Brian Thomson. I am a resident of Verschoyle and South West Oxford.

I am writing concerning the proposed safety improvements regarding our community.

After reviewing the proposed changes, I would just like to add my comments for your consideration as I will not be able to attend the meeting as a delegate.

I feel that the proposed changes do not go far enough.... This road is very busy and a few plastic delinieators will not be adequate in the prevention of speeding traffic. In fact with the amount of commercial traffic and large farm tractors and equipment passing through the area, it would take no time at all for them to be run over and damaged by the above said vehicles. They would constantly need repair or replacement.

I am not sure why electronic speed feedback signs are not proposed for this area as they are for all others?

There is a large pedestrian presence on the days that Jtk Meat shop is open for business, as well, many of these people park on both sides of the road further reducing visibility to the speeding vehicles traveling through town. It is only a matter of time before someone is injured or killed under these circumstances....

I believe further safety measures are required in this area as they are at a very minimum compared to the proposals for the other areas. My suggestion would be a minimum of electronic feedback signs as well as further signage or establishing a community safety zone, flashing overhead amber lights, road painting of pedestrian crossing areas, speed bumps and a further reduction in the speed limits to a minimum of 50 kph.

Also it is possible to create and divert commercial truck traffic by creating a truck route to highway 19 which is more suited to handle these vehicles. These vehicles are some of the biggest speed offenders in this area as they short cut through many of your proposed communities on the way to Tillsonburg or Highway 3.

To summarize, I hope that you will further asses your study of traffic in this area and it issues as well taking my comments into consideration and make them available at the council meeting. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely Brian Thomson

[REDACTED]