



TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH-WEST OXFORD

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August 6th, 2021

David Simpson, P. Eng., PMP
Director of Public Works
County of Oxford
21 Reeve Street
Woodstock, Ontario
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Dear Mr. Simpson:

Re: Community Safety Zone Criteria and Warrant Process

The Township of South-West Oxford Council received County of Oxford Public Works Report PW 2021-25: Community Safety Zone Criteria and Warrant Process for information and provided direction staff to send a letter in response to the proposed criteria and warrant process with the following comments:

- Council expressed concern that the proposed community safety zone criteria may not meet the needs of communities within South-West Oxford. Many settlement areas and villages would not qualify for a community safety zone based on the proposed criteria.
- Some adjustments to the proposed criteria may be required so that smaller villages will meet the criteria (i.e. higher scoring).
- It was suggested that villages that don't have sidewalks should receive a higher score. The absence of sidewalks means that more pedestrians, children, bicycles and strollers are travelling on the road. It was also noted that in some communities, without sidewalks, there is nowhere to walk except the ditch.
- Local municipalities should have some input into the establishment of a community safety zone along a county road.
- Would consideration be given to a road that motorists may use to travel to an amenity (i.e. community centre, recreation area, playground) even if the amenity isn't directly on the road to be considered?
- It was suggested that County staff be requested to apply proposed Warrant 1 and Warrant 2 to the settlement areas and villages within the County to determine which communities may qualify based on the proposed criteria. This information may be helpful to County Council in making a decision on this matter.
- It may be helpful to provide the above information to the OPP so that their analyst can review the results and also provide input. This may help to ensure that there is a focus on the right criteria being used to establish a community safety zone, particularly within rural communities.



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South-West Oxford Council remains supportive of the establishment of community safety zones and the use of automated speed enforcement to assist in addressing resident's speeding concerns within Township communities. Council welcomes the opportunity to work with and support the County through the development of this process.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Forth', is written over a light beige rectangular background.

Julie Forth, Clerk
Township of South-West Oxford

cc. Oxford County Council