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Hello Chloe can you please add this letter to agenda for the February 8th meeting. Thanks Brad

I have decided to submit this letter concerning the 4 -way stop and speed reduction to 60km/hour at the intersection of County road 59 and 33. I have reached out to 3 people on the East Zorra Tavistock council and Mr. Gross from the county expressing my concerns and letting them all know I am against the proposal of a 4-stop and 60km/hour speed limit at county road 59&33.

It will be 24 years on March 1st when I took possession of my home and have resided there ever since.

When I moved to Hickson, County road 59 had (1) 60 km/hour speed limit and no intersections with restrictions in them on the 10 km stretch from Hickson to county road 17. Now, including the proposal there will be (5) 60km/hour zones, (2) 4-way stops and 1 roundabout in that same 10 km stretch. That's a 500% increase in 60km/hour speed zones and a 300% increase with 4-way stops or roundabouts with in a 10km stretch in a 24 year period on a primary road. It only leaves one thru intersection (Braemar Road) on this 10 km stretch on county road 59 that does not have some type of interference on it.

Just to verify where the 60km speed reductions are. They are located In Hickson, Huntingford ,the new proposed intersection at county road 33, at the Trinity School (when school is getting in and out) and at county road 17. The 4-way stops are located at Hickson and the proposed site at county road 33. The roundabout is at county road 17.

I understand traffic has increased on county road 59 but I do not think it has increased 3-500% in the past 24 year period.

I drive the the Oxford County roads everyday and I do not know of another 10 km stretch of rural road with this many 60 km/hour speed reductions or 4-way stops or roundabouts on them. No matter if I go west or east out of Woodstock on County road 2, south out of Woodstock on county road 59, or even on highway 19 from the 401 to Tillsonburg which in my opinion is a very busy road and has more than its share of accidents.

I also know of other intersections with in the county that have 4 -way stops but do not have the speed reduced to 60km/hr.

I understand the intersection at county road 59/33 has had a lot of accidents this summer but I also think we need to keep traffic moving so the residents and the goods can get to there destinations in a timely manner. I am all for the lights on the stop signs, Rumble strips and any other type of safety equipment on County road 33 but I also feel we have to keep the traffic moving on county road 59.

I have many concerns with 59 having another 4 way stop. From trucks spinning out going south up the hill when starting off in the winter to sliding down the hill going north trying to stop in the winter. I am concerned there's going to be a lot of cars being log jammed behind the trucks when they are trying to gain momentum after leaving the stop sign and passing a truck when its unsafe to do so.

I would also like to point out last fall both days when the farm show was on there was a long

back up at the 4-way stop in Hickson to the flashing speed sign going north in the afternoon. I think that sign is 500 meters back from the intersection but you would have to verify that with Mr. Gross. So if there's a new 4-way stop at the 59/33 intersection be prepared for a line up on north side of the hill on 59 during the farm show too.

I am asking the Oxford County council to ask questions before they make the final decisions or even hold the final decision off another meeting until you get all the answers.

My questions to the council are. 1) Is it 100% necessary to have the 60 km/hour speed limit and the 4 way-stop at this intersection? 2) Could the county go with the original upgrades on county road 33 first and see if that works? 3) Do the police investigations from the accidents in the intersection of county road 59&33 this summer/fall show that a 4-way stop and 60km/hour speed limit would have prevented the majority of these accidents for sure? 4)

County road 17 was closed east of county road 59 this summer/fall due to construction. Was there extra traffic going down county road 33 this summer/fall and was that was part of the reasoning for the extra accidents this year?

If Oxford County wants to continue to attract new residents and business to our communities, we need to make sure the people and goods they produce no matter if its agriculture or manufacturing get to their destination in a timely manner. Otherwise that might be the reason they do not locate to Oxford.

Thanks for giving me the opportunity to express my opinion.

Brad Wilker
