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Clerk's Office  
The City of Hamilton  
City Hall, 71 Main Street West  
Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y5

Dear Clerk's Office,

**RE: Consultation on Ontario's Default Speed Limit**

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is seeking stakeholder input on whether to consider changing the default speed limit for local roads within urban areas. As a representative of The City of Hamilton, we welcome your comments and invite you to participate in the consultation activities for Ontario's default speed limit.

The current default maximum speed limit for local roads within urban areas in Ontario is 50 km/h. MTO would like to consult with stakeholders on the following options:

- + Maintain current default speed limit of 50 km/h;
- + Through a legislative change, reduce the default speed limit from 50 km/h to 40 km/h;
- + Through a legislative change, permit municipalities to set a default speed limit of 50 km/h or 40 km/h inside municipal boundaries, and require the posting of a sign at each entry point of the municipality; or
- + Through a legislative change, permit municipalities to set a different default speed limit inside municipal boundaries or neighbourhoods, and require the posting of a sign at each entry point of the municipality/neighbourhood.

You are invited to provide comments and/or complete a questionnaire available on-line at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SpeedLimitOntario> by February 27, 2015.

Following the public comment period, MTO will host a series of workshops to consult with municipalities and various stakeholders regarding the options under consideration for a potential change to the default speed limit. Stakeholder workshops are currently scheduled for March, 2015. Each workshop will be held in a different geographic jurisdiction of MTO (e.g., Central, Eastern and Southwestern and Northern Ontario).

You are encouraged to provide comments and/or complete the on-line questionnaire, and/or attend a stakeholder workshop on these possible changes to the default speed limit. I kindly ask you to complete and forward the attached workshop reply form indicating your interest in participating in future workshops by February 27, 2014 to me as follows:

Roger De Gannes  
Head, Traffic Operations  
Traffic Office  
Ministry of Transportation Ontario  
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Thank you in advance for your input. We welcome and appreciate your feedback. Should you have any questions or difficulty accessing the on-line questionnaire, please do not hesitate to contact me at 905-704-2947 or by email at [Roger.DeGannes@mto.gov.on.ca](mailto:Roger.DeGannes@mto.gov.on.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roger De Gannes".

Roger De Gannes  
Head, Traffic Operations