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Dear City Council,

The City of Hamilton installed speed monitors on Lake Avenue Drive, a 40 kph street, between Randall Avenue and Charles Street to check traffic flow to see if speed humps are necessary. On March 31, 2017, a city employee called me to say that the average speed on Lake Avenue Drive is 41 kph and that the speed humps are not necessary. I thought this must be an early April fool's joke. It wasn't. I told him I checked the monitors periodically and the majority of the traffic flows between 47 and 54 kph. The city employee said they monitor the speed 24 hours each day and arrived at 41 kph.

That may be so, but the monitor's records are not taking into consideration that vehicles slow down to turn on or off Charles or Randall and do so at a speed less than 20 kph, sometimes less than 15 kph. Also, vehicles leaving or entering the funeral and florist parking lots are well under 30 kph. When I exit my driveway, my vehicle registers 20 kph. The monitor picks up these speeds which lowers the correct average speed, which is closer to 50 kph. This incorrect data will be given to City Council which may lead to a misguided decision. Also, the police department will receive the report and will no doubt decide that Lake Avenue Drive doesn't need a lot of enforcement.

Aside from controlling speed, the speed humps will deter heavy trucks, including semi's, which are not allowed on Lake Avenue Drive, or at least slow them down. To do a proper survey of traffic on Lake Avenue Drive, best to locate monitors between Randall and Collegiate, where there are no intersections or commerce to fudge the results.

Sincerely,

John Vesprini  
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