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Roads are for the safe and Efficient means of transporting goods and services.

Artificially (for NO good reason) lowering the Speed Limit below a reasonable level is just Stupid.

It has been devastating to the smooth flow of traffic on Concession roads with the added nuisance of unnecessary Stop signs throughout Flamboro and other wards.

Now tightly grouped Rat Packs of vehicles and associated Road Rage are common.

Many tests have proven that bystanders cannot accurately judge traffic speed yet these Whiners manage to persuade unaware Councillors to lower limits. I have followed these people who have the Slow Down signs on their lawn do well above the present false limits. They are travelling at what Concession Roads were for Decades - 50 MPH/80kph. Fooled by the large Km numbers people Think it is fast! 25kph is 15 Mph. 30kph is 20 mph. 40kph is 25mph.

A jogger goes at 7kmh.

60kph is a CITY limit not one to be imposed on Concession Roads. 35MPH!!!

Sparse population and usually decent roads. Yes, School Zones and certain geographical features may require a lower limit.

One person who runs a Stop sign is NOT a reason for a Multitude of 4 way Stops, causing needless traffic delays forever.

No questions were asked, no traffic surveys done, just an arbitrary lowering of Concession roads from 80 to 70 and now 60kph.

Asinine and ridiculous.

Making Photo Radar permanent is an affront to all Motorists. If thousands of Drivers as reported by the Spec Monday, travel over a set limit by 14kph (8.4 MPH) then the limit should be raised 10kph.

Of course it is a Cash Grab. Do you think we are as Stupid as those who think Radar and simply ignorant low speed limits is a good idea?

I have yet to see any effort to educate the Pedestrians on crossing streets, Crosswalks, or cyclists who wear dark clothing, have no lights and ride 2-3 or more abreast. The By-law I was told orders Single file.

Fix the problem, not the blame. Make Speed limits reasonable at least in sparsely populated Rural areas. 70-80kph as it was. (40-50 MPH).

Remove many 4 Way Stop Signs which do NOT contribute to safety. Spend the wasted \$600,000 on Pedestrian and Cyclist Education. ALL cyclists should have front and rear flashing lights. Few do. They are obscured by shade and dark clothing and risk their lives.

Lets get some Common Sense going here for a change. The present Speed Limits are too LOW in Most areas~!!! Try driving posted limits in the country!!!

Regards

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