

Petition for Road Safety Improvements on Hwy #8 East of Jones Rd. to East of Glover Rd.

Along with new residential development comes an increase of traffic along Hwy #8.

Within the last 15 years, increase in traffic and unsafe road conditions, have resulted in many accidents including several deaths.

Whether they are caused by speeding, alcohol consumption, lack of seat belts, fatigue, etc., these accidents seem to happen in the same stretch of Hwy #8, located just east of Jones Road and past Glover Road. As a result, we feel changes must be considered to ensure a safe, unobstructed, and regulated roadway for all those travelling through this troubled area.

This area consists of several institutions, which includes two elementary schools, two churches, a retirement home, a car repair shop, a butcher shop, a welding shop amidst a high density residential area on both sides of the highway.

We ask the city Traffic Department to consider the following :

- (1) a decrease in the speed limit from 70 km/h to 60 km/h - which may allow drivers to manoeuvre the curvature of the road with better control.
- (2) flashing yellow lights prior to curves in the road in both directions - may not slow down an inebriated driver, but it may alert people to proceed with caution approaching the curve. It may also catch the attention of a tired driver to be more alert.
- (3) Traffic Lights at the intersection of Hwy #8 and Glover Road, (turn lanes have already been established) - is necessary because of the proximity of the Retirement Home, Immaculate Heart of Mary School and Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, the Meat Shop and Precise Car Repair.
- (4) a flashing yellow with a speed reduction of 40 km/h at peak times near the two schools just approaching both John Knox Christian School and Immaculate Heart of Mary Elementary School - is necessary because both schools have an entrance off Hwy #8.

This stretch of road may not be considered any different by the City Traffic Department than other areas along Hwy #8 with similar curvature, however for some reason the accidents occurring there are more frequent and of a more serious nature. Facts speak for themselves and maybe additional precautions are required to deter and decrease the number of accidents and fatalities occurring there.

We ask the City Traffic Department to take responsibility to review the area, to consider the recommendations presented with this petition, and implement the necessary changes to ensure a safe roadway along this stretch of Hwy. 8 for everyone.

Petition contains 1416 Signatures

Due to size of the petition it has not been distributed. A copy of the petition is available for viewing at the Office of the City Clerk. The petition can also be viewed online at www.hamilton.ca