



Police Advisory Board Excerpts  
January 20, 2025

**TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES IN SCHOOL ZONES EXCERPT**

Over the course of the last few meetings, several residents have raised concerns with traffic and speeding specifically in the Brooklyn School district; more specifically the school zones for the West Hants Middle School / Brooklyn Elementary School.

Residents have expressed this area was becoming increasingly dangerous as vehicles frequently travel the area above the posted 30km/h during school hours.

The recommended motion was that Committee of the Whole recommend that ...

**COUNCIL DIRECTS THE CAO TO ENGAGE WITH THE PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND MLA SHEEHY RICHARD TO ASCERTAIN POTENTIAL TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES UP TO AND INCLUDING EXPLORING DIGITAL SPEED SIGNAGE FOR THE AREA.**

**From:** [Ferguson, David \(RCMP/GRC\)](#)  
**To:** [Brown, Rhonda \(RCMP/GRC\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Lights in school zone  
**Date:** October 9, 2024 7:47:10 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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For the PAB Agenda.

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**From:** Mark Phillips <MPhillips@westhants.ca>  
**Sent:** October 4, 2024 9:29 AM  
**To:** Scott McLean <smclean@westhants.ca>  
**Cc:** PublicOnlyCouncilEmail <allcouncil@westhants.ca>; Todd Richard <trichard@westhants.ca>; Troy Burgess <tburgess@westhants.ca>; Ferguson, David (RCMP/GRC) <david.ferguson@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>; Doyle, Tim (RCMP/GRC) <tim.doyle@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: Lights in school zone

Good Morning Scott and Others

I anticipate Public Works will highlight that these road sections are the responsibility of the Province, I would concur. However, it does not mean we should not be engaged to improve the safety conditions of these zones. This could be through advocacy or joint initiatives depending on the wishes of Council.

Troy,

This matter has been raised in the past, how many digital speed indicators do we have and how often are they placed on provincial roads? Further, do we know how many the local NS PWs depots have and their method of dispatch?

I have copied Dave Ferguson and Tim Doyle as well in my response so that the RCMP are aware of the concern. They may be planning community education surrounding school safety or have suggestions. This would be a good discussion for the Police Advisory Board as well and a topic they could take on or make a recommendation to Council and Province. I'll request the matter be added to the next PAB.



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**Subject:** Fwd: Lights in school zone

Hi Mark,

Wondering if we can do something here with school zone digital speed warning signs at both ends of the school zone for West Hants Middle School / Brooklyn Elementary School. Its being becoming increasingly dangerous as noted in the correspondence below and I witnessed a near miss yesterday with a truck (in my opinion) going well above the posted 30km/h when the children were present during school hours,

Thanks

**Scott McLean**

Councillor District 2

West Hants Regional Municipality

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Tasia Robinson [REDACTED]  
**Date:** October 1, 2024 at 5:38:47 PM ADT  
**To:** Scott McLean <[smclean@westhants.ca](mailto:smclean@westhants.ca)>  
**Subject:** Lights in school zone

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Hi Scott,

I'd like to address the traffic concerns in the Brooklyn School district. I am a resident of highway 14 and see daily the amount of traffic that flows through this area at high speeds. I personally have seen an increase of speeding 18 wheelers/ basic traffic during school hours. There is also an increase of cars lined up on one or both sides of the road during students drop off, pick up and after school activities. We live in an area where local kids have no access to a bus and are also forced to walk home on a narrow shoulder and no cross walks. I, at the very least think this area could benefit from speed signs to warn the drivers of kids in the area and to slow down.

Our kids should feel safe going to and from school and their safety should be a high priority.

Thank you

Tasia Robinson

**From:** Abraham Zebian <[AZebian@westhants.ca](mailto:AZebian@westhants.ca)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 22, 2024 3:00 PM

**To:** ekelly [REDACTED]; Paul Morton <[PMorton@westhants.ca](mailto:PMorton@westhants.ca)>; Rhonda Brown RCMP <[RhondaB-RCMP@westhants.ca](mailto:RhondaB-RCMP@westhants.ca)>; Deanna Snair <[DSnair@westhants.ca](mailto:DSnair@westhants.ca)>

**Subject:** Re: Re - Speeding on the South Rawdon Road

Thank you for the email Ed. We will have this as an item for discussion at the next police advisory board meeting.

Thank you for being engaged and caring for the safety of the community.

Kindest regards.

Mayor Abraham Zebian  
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On Oct 22, 2024, at 2:34 PM, ekelly [REDACTED] wrote:

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Staff Sergeant David Ferguson  
RCMP West Hants Detachment,  
Windsor, Nova Scotia

October, 2024

Dear Sir:

Some Background Information:

My name is Ed Kelly.

My wife and I have been residents here in Lakelands, West Hants Municipality, on [REDACTED] South Rawdon Road for over fifty years.

In fact, we began living here before it became a paved road.

The South Rawdon Road (Route 202) connects Windsor Highway Route # 1 with the Rawdon Highway Route # 14,

for some 19 kilometres in length.

Our residence, at # [REDACTED], is located one kilometre up from the Lily Lake intersection on the Windsor Route # 1.

The area has become heavily residential over the last several years.

In fact, more and more house construction has occurred on the South Rawdon Road and on its many side roads.

Consequently, the vehicular traffic has increased significantly during the last several years.

#### The Problem:

The posted Speed Limit for the area in which we reside is 80 kilometres per hour.

The irony here is that the Speed Limit on the Windsor Highway Route # 1 in the Lakelands area is 70 kilometres per hour.

An important point here is that the shoulder of the South Rawdon Road where we live is very narrow.

The shoulder of this road in our area, and probably beyond, is only approximately one metre wide or less.

In many sections of the road shoulder, the width is less than one metre wide.

This is due to the erosion of the shoulder because of weather conditions.

With more house construction comes an increase in the human population.

Many people walk along this road, some with infant carriages and many who walk their dogs as well as joggers.

Of course, the residents have driveways that enter and exit on the South Rawdon Road as well.

The major problem at present is the large number of vehicles that travel at excessive speeds on the South Rawdon Road.

These speeds far exceed the posted Speed Limit of 80 kilometres per hour.

These speeds often exceed 100 kilometres per hour. The South Rawdon Road has become a 'Race Track'.

Although these speeding vehicles can and do occur at any hour of the day, the peak hours seem to occur at 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. as well as 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

The various types of speeding vehicles include Pickup Trucks, Motorcycles, Automobiles and ATV's.

In addition, ATV's drive on the South Rawdon Road and the road shoulder at all hours of the day, and especially during the evening hours and late at night. They often travel in groups, disturbing the peace and quiet of the day with little or no regard for anyone else.

#### The Solution

There needs to be an increase in the presence of the RCMP along the South Rawdon Road.

The speed of vehicular traffic must conform to the posted Speed Limit.

Ideally, the posted Speed Limit should be lowered, possibly to 70 kilometres per hour or lower.

The present excessive speeding has to be curtailed for the safety of individuals on the road shoulder, residents in vehicles entering and exiting driveways as well as the drivers and passengers in the speeding vehicles.

The vehicular traffic has to be monitored with radar. Speeding Tickets may have to be issued.

The rare appearance of a RCMP cruiser has not resulted in the reduction of speeding on the South Rawdon Road.

In my area, the entrance to Frederick Avenue would be an ideal location for the monitoring of speeding vehicular traffic.

It has a very wide entrance/exit location, situated approximately 1/2 kilometre up from the Lily Lake interchange.

Sincerely yours,

Ed Kelly

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c.c. Councillor - District 4, West Hants Regional Municipality - Paul Wheadon