November 5, 2026

Dear Melissa, Municipal Council Members, and Representatives of the Nova Scotia Department of Public Works,

I am writing to bring forward some serious concerns regarding traffic safety along Highway 215 in Centre Burlington, particularly in the posted 80 km/h speed zone.
My biggest concern is how fast vehicles are actually travelling along this stretch of road. Although the posted speed limit is 80 km/h, it often feels as though many drivers are travelling well above that. With the number of children living in the area and having to walk along the highway to get to their school bus stops, I feel this is becoming a serious safety issue.

Highway 215 is a very windy and twisty road, with several curves and areas where visibility can be limited. Combined with the narrow roadway and very little shoulder, this makes it even more concerning for anyone walking along it. Children are often left walking right alongside traffic, with very little room between themselves and passing vehicles. I have recently been working with Scott from the Bus shed to have my child's stop change to my driveway but did not meet the requirements.

Another concern is that many homes throughout Centre Burlington are located fairly close to the edge of the highway. This creates additional safety concerns, not only for children walking to bus stops but also for residents entering and exiting their properties.
My own son has already had an incident where a passing vehicle nearly pushed him off into the ditch. That is something no parent should have to worry about when their child is simply trying to get to and from the school bus.

I also see other children walking along this road to reach their bus stops, and I worry about their safety just as much. It should not take an accident or a child getting seriously hurt before something is done.

I understand that bus stop locations have to meet certain requirements, and I appreciate the efforts being made to find safer and closer stops. However, I believe the municipality needs to look at the bigger picture. The speed of traffic, the winding nature of the road, the lack of proper shoulders, the close proximity of homes to the highway and the safety of children walking along this road all need to be considered.

I would like to see the municipality look into:

- Reviewing the current 80 km/h speed zone and whether a reduced speed limit is warranted.
- Conducting a speed study along this stretch of Highway 215 to determine how fast vehicles are actually travelling.
- Increasing enforcement to address drivers travelling above the posted speed limit.
- Looking into additional safety measures, such as improved shoulders, warning signs or other pedestrian safety measures, particularly where children access school bus stops.
- Assessing the safety of residents living along the highway, especially those whose homes and driveways are so close to the road.

I am bringing this forward because I genuinely believe there is a safety issue that needs attention. Parents should not have to worry every morning and afternoon about whether their children will

make it safely to and from their bus stops. Residents should also feel safe living along this road without constantly worrying about speeding traffic passing so close to their homes.

I hope the municipality will take these concerns seriously and look into what can be done before someone gets hurt.

I am copying the relevant municipal and provincial representatives because I believe this concern requires attention from everyone involved in road safety and traffic management.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing what steps can be taken to improve safety along Highway 215 in Centre Burlington.

Sincerely,
Tiffany Leopold
A Concerned Parent and Resident
Centre Burlington, Nova Scotia