
Christopher Giesler



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City of Cambridge

Mayor & Council
50 Dickson St
Cambridge, ON N1R5W8

Honourable Mayor & Council,

Please accept this letter in support of the speed limit recommendations detailed in Report 23-165-CD prepared by Sian Younan (Transportation Engineering Technologist) and submitted by Kevin De Leebeeck (Director of Engineering).

I am a secondary school teacher (Southwood Secondary School) who lives within the school's catchment area. Like many teenage students in my neighbourhood, I either walk or cycle to and from Southwood every day. While pedestrian protection is good along my route, I feel comparatively less safe while using the roadway (Hardcastle Drive, Kent Street, Cedar Street) on my bicycle.

As per the Report and the Speed Limit Pilot Evaluation it references, speed reduction to 40 km/h was effective in reducing vehicular operating speeds. At slower speeds, drivers have a greater opportunity to assess their surroundings actively increase citizen safety on and adjacent to roadways.

I ask that Council approves a new Speed Limit Policy, and as a result, reduces the posted neighbourhood speed limits as detailed in Report 23-165-CD. This strategic action will help to fulfil the City's target to encourage safe and healthy residential neighbourhoods.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher Giesler".

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