

# WORD ON THE STREET

With Jane Dougan

**“Halton Regional Police began their annual Christmas campaign targeting impaired drivers. This weekend there were three arrests in North Halton. Do you think enough is being done to address impaired driving in North Halton?”**



Judi Toal: “There can never be enough done.”



Chris Miller: “Are there enough RIDE programs around? It’s very important to create awareness. I have the MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) ribbon on my car antenna.”



Melanie Bray: “You can police people all you want, but they have to care about it themselves. I think the police are doing as much as they possibly can. If we really enforce it, we turn into a police state, and we don’t want to be that.”



Fiona Peever: “I’m not a driver myself, but I do notice when I see someone swerving all over the place. It’s up to each individual to be responsible, but people should also take it upon themselves to report it when they see it, if they can - call 911 with the licence plate, model of car and direction they were headed.”

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### Writing style appreciated

To the Editor;

I would like to thank Trish Bell for her weekly column. Her depth of research and her poignant writing style

has brought me wider perspectives and new understandings that I could never have come to myself.

Thank you Trish Bell

for the time and effort it must take you to prepare and write your thoughts.

You are appreciated.

Thomas Herbert  
Acton

### Lowering speed limits

To the Editor;

I read with interest your article in the December 1 Tanner - “Serious multiple

car collision closes 5th Line on Sunday.” This is most unfortunate.

I suppose time will tell if the drivers north/south were travelling too fast to react or the young man backing into the line was negligent and caused the accident (or both). That said, it could have happened anywhere.

All it takes is two cars travelling north and south about to pass by each other on any line—and moving too quickly—and add a walker, a dog, a bicyclist, and/ or a motorist exiting a driveway and you have the recipe for a potential problem.

The speed limit is slightly higher on the 5th between 32<sup>nd</sup> and Hwy. 7 - 80kms per hour. The 4th line—much more densely populated and I would guess more heavily travelled—is slightly less (60/70).

Let’s hope this type of accident doesn’t happen again, but I might add that lowering the limit to 60, as we have campaigned just a line west, on these roads

would be a wise move before it does.

By the way, our sign campaign has been successful. Neighbours banded together to show their support. At least two or three signs were stolen—I trust by those angered with the audacity of citizens speaking out or those wanting a sign for their own neighbourhood. Who knows? I have seen lawn signs in Rockwood with the “Please Slow Down” signs that were issued in Toronto. At least our 4<sup>th</sup> Line Residents group had enough entrepreneurial spirit and gumption to produce our own signs and support a local Georgetown graphics company and to make our signs ‘local’.

Perhaps a terrific Christmas gift to the folks involved in the accident and the rest of Halton Hills residents is to move quickly and make those 70 and 80 zones all 60km/hour. May the people involved in this accident have a full recovery.

Regards,  
Mike Schultz

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