

LOOKING TO PUT THE BRAKES ON SPEEDING

MEASURES IN PLACE TO ADDRESS THIS GROWING PROBLEM, WRITES RICK BONNETTE



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Column

In recent years and most recently since the COVID-19 pandemic, concern with speeding throughout the town has been one of the most prominent issues raised in our community.

There isn't a week that goes by without myself or councillors getting a complaint. Council understands the community's concerns as it relates to speeding in our neighbourhoods and wants to assure our residents that road safety is one of the town's main focus areas and priorities.

Last year Town Council approved a Traffic Calming Implementation Protocol. This multiple step process starts by receiving speeding concerns from the public for a specific street or area. In response to the initial speeding concerns, the Radar Messaging Board is deployed on the roadway that indicates the actual operating speed of vehicles and assists in educating both the residents and the motorists of their speeds.

In many cases, no further investigation is required. If excessive speeds are documented, Halton Regional Police Service is advised and requested to conduct enforcement when resources are available.

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If speeding continues, detailed traffic data is collected over a period of time and a complete screening process is initiated to determine if traffic calming measures are warranted.

Traffic calming measures can include a variety of effective options, such as speed humps, curb extensions, pavement markings, signage, bollards and permanent radar messaging boards.

Each location is reviewed using a neighbourhood traffic calming approach to ensure that all roads within an area are evaluated to determine the appropriate traffic calming measure.

For more information on the Town's Traffic Calming Implementation Protocol, visit haltonhills.ca.

SHOP LOCAL FOR HOLIDAYS

Our business community has struggled during the COVID-19 pandemic. This year, more than ever, let's support them in the upcoming holiday season.

Local businesses are the ones who sponsor events, your kids' sports teams and give employment. The success of our business community is key to the town's ability to deliver services that our residents rely on each and every day.

This year, let's shop smart, shop local, shop Halton Hills.

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SNAPSHOT



Anita Robinson photo

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THE STOCK MARKET IS A FORM OF DEMOCRACY

EVERY INVESTOR HAS A SAY IN THE VALUE OF A STOCK, WRITES PETER WATSON



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The stock market is a form of democracy. Everyone gets a vote to decide the value given to a stock.

A popular question among investors: What determines the value of the stock? The simple answer is you and other market participants.

Every time a stock is traded, the buyer and seller independently agree on a price to complete the transaction. Both parties have to agree or there's no trade.

Buyers and sellers have

are the expected future earnings and the level of risk taken on by owning those shares.

Sometimes daily news events cause stock prices to plummet.

In most cases, the long-term expected profit is unchanged. What has changed is an investor's perception that there is more risk and therefore, they will offer less for that stock.

My recommendation is to invest for the long term.

Own stocks that have good prospects for ongoing future earnings. Ignore the daily news that does not directly affect the ability of the company to continue to earn profits.

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