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SAFETY CONCERNS:
Town staff will tour
Kingham Road next week
to respond to concerns
from many residents that
the road is unsafe for chil-
dren because of heavy vol-
umes of speeding traffic.
Steve Grasby, (centre)
with his children
Stephanie and Kyle (in
stroller) wants a
crosswalk installed be-
tween two playgrounds on
either side of the busy
street. His neighbours
Rozanna Fife (left) with
children (left) and Deziray
and Carole DaSilva (hold-
ing baby Simone) and son
Michel (far right) also
want traffic improve-
ments. — Frances Niblock
photo



Check out traffic on Kingham Road:

By FRANCES NIBLOCK
The New Tanner

Acton resident Steve Grasby is afraid a child will be hurt or killed by a car on Kingham Road if nothing is done to improve safety in the densely populated townhouse neighbourhood. Grasby outlined his concerns and suggested five solutions to the Town in April and was upset that he hadn't heard back until after he contacted *The New Tanner* recently.

"What I'm really pushing for is stop signs and a crosswalk between phases one and two right at the playgrounds on either side of Kingham," Grasby said.

"Kids are booting back and forth across Kingham, darting out between parked cars. I've seen two kids almost get killed. We need to slow down traffic to make it safer for all of the children in this area," Grasby said, adding that there are 180

townhouse with approxi-
mately 540 people, living in
a half-kilometre area. Grasby
did acknowledge it is the par-
ent's responsibility to ensure
their children are safe.

Acton Councillor Norm Elliott walked the area with Grasby in February when he initially raised concerns about snow plowing.

"There's no question that Kingham is a busy road and I confess that I've been sitting on this because it was a winter snow clearing issue that was first raised. Mr. Grasby never mentioned a cross walk or stop sign to me, but I will ask staff to set up a meeting to look into the situation," Elliott said.

Bob Butrym, the Town's traffic co-ordinator, said the "warrants would never be met," meaning that there wasn't enough traffic to warrant installing a stop sign.

Town staff and councillors will tour the Kingham area before the end of the month.



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