

# You choose your speed; you choose your fine

The speeding laws seem pretty simple. The speed signs have a number on it and if you go faster than that number, you could get a ticket.

The moment someone travels even one kilometre above the posted limit, they have technically committed the offence of speeding. With the offence complete, any increase in speed from that point is all about the penalty. I have heard speeders argue, "I wasn't going 30 over... I was only going 15 over!" Either way they were still speeding. With today's advanced, accurate and effective speed lasers and radars, I'm going with the 30 over. Remember—when you choose your speed, you choose your fine.

Let's talk tolerance levels for a second. I can admit that I have never written a ticket for one km over the limit (that'll cost you \$17.50 by the way). We do try to be reasonable with how we enforce the laws, based on the circumstances surrounding the offence.

I have heard people say, "Just don't do 20 km-h over the limit and the police won't bother you." Nice theory, but not true. In some places our "tolerance levels" are extremely low (i.e. 10 km-h over the speed limit or lower).

Good examples of lower tolerance areas are Community Safety Zones (CSZ) and construction zones, where lower speed tolerance and increased fines are the norm.

Driving 20 km-h over the posted limit will normally cost you \$95. Doing the same speed in the CSZ on Mountainview Road just north of the hollow (an area targeted regularly) will cost you \$180. Drive 30 km-h (or more) over the limit in a CSZ or construction zone where workers are present and you will find yourself summonsed to court explaining your choices to a Justice of the Peace (and the possibility of fines in excess of \$500).

Road safety begins with each driver assuming responsibility and accountability for their actions. Everyone who slides behind the wheel makes decisions about how they drive—their speed, their turn signals, following distances and levels of cooperation with other drivers. A driver may not be able to control the other cars on the road, but they are certainly in charge of their vehicle, and are accountable for their driving choices.

Please choose to drive in a manner that contributes to the overall safety of our community.

—Sgt. Derek Davis is the supervisor of the 1 District Response Unit, focusing on traffic enforcement within the communities of Halton Hills and Georgetown

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# Playground is closed Dominion Gardens work will continue until August

Development is proceeding on Dominion Gardens Park with the construction of a splash pad and wash-room building, lit pathways, allotment gardens and seating and entry walls.

During the course of construction which is expected to last until August, the Town of Halton Hills Recreation & Parks advises that the playground will be closed, along with periodic closures of sections of the Dominion Gardens Drive entrance.

Construction access will be from Maple Avenue and Guelph Street, but not from Dominion Gardens Drive or Christ the King Secondary School.

The project's contractor is D.D.R. Landscape Contractors, Ltd.

For more information about the project, contact Kevin Okimi, Parks Design and Construction Co-ordinator for the Town at 905-873-2601 ext. 2280 or kevin@haltonhills.ca.

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