

Laurier Avenue speed safe, says study

Studies of Laurier Avenue west of Commercial Street indicate that residents' fears of excessive speed by automobile traffic were overblown.

After the 1992 widening, area residents expressed their concerns, which the town calmed by 'No Parking' signage and a speed study.

The study was performed in June, 1992 during peak morning and evening hours in both directions. The road is classified a two-lane collector with a posted speed limit of 50 km/h.

Eastbound traffic posted an average morning speed of 51.4 km/h and an average evening speed of 50.9 km/h. Westbound the average speeds were lower with 49.4 km/h in the morning and 50.6 km/h in the evening.

Eastbound, the speed with which the most cars were travelling was 50 km/h during both times tested, while

westbound most cars travelled 47 km/h in the morning and 53 km/h in the evening.

The pace of traffic, which measures the 15 km/h range in which the maximum number of vehicles travelled, was 44-59 km/h eastbound in the morning with 82.7 per cent of those measured in the range, and 44-59 km/h eastbound in the evening with 89.1 per cent of those measured in the range.

The pace westbound was 41-56

km/h in the morning with only 76.4 per cent in the range and 41-56 km/h in the evening with 86.5 per cent in the range.

John Matthews, Milton's director of public works recommended no further action.

Councillor Colin Best said the real reason speed is kept down is because of a poor roadbed. The roller-coaster action that the pavement imparts keeps people from speeding, he indicated.

United Way short of its goal

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Proceeds from special events last weekend — a karaoke competition at Fat Freddy's, a Milton Mall raffle and a monster bingo at Bingo Country — had yet to be tallied.

The Canadian Champion's United Way Silent Auction is currently underway. Items include a Robert

Batman limited edition print worth \$1,400, professional hockey and baseball tickets, and an NSA sparkling water system.

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