

Speed limit reduced on McNiven

Councillors say concern for church key reason for lowering it

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The 80 km/h speed limit on McNiven Road has been reduced to 60 km/h between Derry Road and Steeles Avenue — a flat road plagued by a trouble spot near two rock knolls.

"I don't usually support reducing the speed limit in rural areas but I know the area very well. The Serbian Church that's there creates havoc on the weekends and other than getting rid of the knolls, this is the only way," agreed Ward 3 Councillor Barry Lee.

"It seems ludicrous to have 60 km for the whole road," said Ward 2 Councillor Brad Clements.

"People would not adhere to it," advised public works director John Matthews, noting the otherwise flat roadway.

"I would reduce it to 70 (km/h) not 60, but I will support this with the church being there," conceded Ward 1 Councillor Rick Day.

Traffic and parking near a church new to the area, which draws thousands to special events, has helped create some area traffic chaos. Earlier this summer, parked cars reduced the road to a single lane, forcing police to temporarily close the road for safety.

The two rock knolls are located about 1.5 km north of Derry Road and 1 km south of Steeles Avenue. They've been earmarked for removal but to date, not funded.

"The location is very close to my driveway," said resident Ben Young. "It is a very dangerous location. Over the last few years there've been many near misses. Earlier this year there were two accidents. I don't think any of these accidents involved speeds over 80km."

Mr. Young asked council to give the knoll removal project higher priority based on safety. "I ask council to consider a 60 km speed limit as an interim measure until the knolls are removed," he said.

"The roadway in that area is relatively flat, the sight lines are almost level. The two knolls do create a problem, there's no doubt about that," said public works director John Matthews.

Town staff was recommending the road's speed limit be kept at 80 km/hr after traffic studies were done



Marian Howard Rick Day

in mid-August, at council's request. "It would appear vehicles are traveling at a speed limit which is reasonable for the roadway," reported Mr. Matthews.

However Ward 3 Councillor Marion Howard, spearheading the speed limit reduction, disagreed. "We post speeds based on what traffic wants to drive, not what we want traffic to drive. That's the way engineers do it," she said. With traffic studies showing traffic slows to 65 to 70 km/hr near the knolls, she said, "We should then be thinking about changing it to 60 km, not retaining it at 80."

Ms Howard also noted that police on the Nassagaweya Community Consultation Committee recommended a speed limit reduction.



Barbara Sullivan

Sullivan slams user fee

A new user fee for patients in psychiatric hospitals will leave one of the most vulnerable groups in society out in the cold, Liberal health critic Barbara Sullivan said recently.

"It is unconscionable for the NDP to impose a tax on sick people who need help the most," said the Halton Centre MPP.

The \$40 a day fee, which takes effect October 1, will be imposed after the patient has been in the psychiatric hospital for more than 90 days.

"Virtually, all patients in psychiatric hospitals for longer than 90 days are committed because their doctors believe they cannot function normally or are a threat to themselves or other people," Ms Sullivan said.

"Essentially, the NDP is going to impose a new tax on people who are in psychiatric hospitals on a doctor's order. To impose this tax on these patients makes no sense for them or for society."

CITY OF BURLINGTON ELECTION 1994

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1994 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

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The period for revisions to the Preliminary List of Electors commences on Tuesday, September 6, 1994 and ends at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 14, 1994. Revisions will be undertaken in the Office of the Clerk, Burlington City Hall, 426 Brant Street from 8:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. except for Friday, October 14, 1994 when the office will be open until 5:00 p.m.

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