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Residents urge Town to reduce Sixth Line speed limit

By Melanle Hennessey
 CANADIAN CHAMPION STAFF

A group of Sixth Line residents are calling on the Town to lower the speed limit on their road in the name of safety.

The stretch between Lower Base Line and Britannia Road was a 50 km/h zone, but earlier this year the limit was upped to 70 km/h following a rural-wide speed limit review.

But according to those who live on Sixth Line, the curvy road just isn't built for such a speed, which they fear will lead to more vehicle collisions and possibly fatalities.

"This is about saving lives," said resident Ron West. "When people go into the ditch, they don't usually come out."

West is among the citizens who signed a petition that was recently delivered to the Town demanding that the municipality lower the limit back to 50 km/h.

The petition cites safety concerns for motorists, Sixth Line residents — many of whom are pulling in and out of hidden driveways — and cyclists "who use this roadway en masse from spring to fall."

"I just want to have the same rights as the people who live in town — to be safe going in and out of my



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Mayor Gord Krantz wears his coveralls and rubber boots to dust snow off the old bell at Town Hall last week. The holiday tradition is in preparation for the New Year's Eve bell ringing ceremony, slated for Saturday (December 31) at 11:45 p.m. at Victoria Park. On January 1, Miltonians are invited to celebrate the start of new year at the Mayor and Councillors' New Year's Day Levee, which runs from 1 until 3 p.m. at Town Hall, 150 Mary St. It will offer residents an opportunity to converse with their elected representatives and enjoy refreshments. *Graham Paine / Metroland West Media Group*

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