

# Up to drivers to slow down: Emmerson

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said all collector roads, will be 50 km/h zones, except where schools, parks and high-pedestrian traffic areas are located, where the limit will be 40 km/h.

Mr. Hargrave said it isn't enough, especially on Hoover Park Drive.

"There's a big difference between 40 and 50," he added, saying there will be three schools on the street, two of which are open now.

Despite the lack of support for Mr. Hargrave's amendment by other members of council, all councillors were in support of the new bylaws.

"Speed does kill, and anything we can do to reduce the speed of vehicular traffic is good," said Ward 2 Councillor Phil Bannon.

He also suggested creating an educational, information program for residents to help them get used to the new speed limits, adding "40 is a hard speed to adjust to, even from 50."

Councillor Suzanne Hilton expressed her concerns about the lack of distinction between school zones and local roads, but Mr. Whitehouse said the zones will be properly marked.

Mr. Emmerson suggested marking park areas with yellow signs to warn drivers of young children and pedestrians.

He commended council and town staff for their efforts in putting forth the bylaws.

"There comes a time when we can only do so much," he added. "It's a great opportunity to show residents we've done what we can. Now it's up to them to do their part and slow down. Part of the onus has to be put on residents to look after their neighbourhoods."

As for Mr. Hargrave, he vowed to members of council and town staff he will be bringing motions to council to lower the speed limit on the 11 collector roads in his ward.

"I will bring motion after motion after motion," he said, visibly upset. "I will not give up on this. Residents have my commitment that I will bring this back to council many, many times."

The next step for implementing the new speed limits will be presenting the bylaws to council in the coming weeks.

For a complete listing of the roads affected by the new speed limit change, visit [www.townofws.com](http://www.townofws.com) under Council Agendas, Minutes and By-laws.

# Population: 32,000

## Town's growth ahead of schedule

BY ALYSHIA HIGGINS

The numbers are in.

Whitchurch-Stouffville is officially ahead of the projected growth for mid-2008, according to a report released by the planning department.

Staff projected Whitchurch-Stouffville's population to be 32,000 in June 2008. An external company (C.N. Watson) forecast a population of 32,646 by mid-2009, however town staff believe this will be met by the end of 2008. By 2011, it is projected the town's population will sit around 36,800.

"We're slightly higher than forecasted," said deputy director and manager of planning Andrew McNeely, adding the projected population for 2009 is "six to eight hundred" people ahead of a 2004 projection by C.N. Watson.

Despite being slightly ahead, Mr. McNeely said in 2009 and 2010, he believes there will be a "slight drop" in building permits issued and is expected to increase slightly, to 500, for 2011.

There have been 800 residential building permits issued this year.

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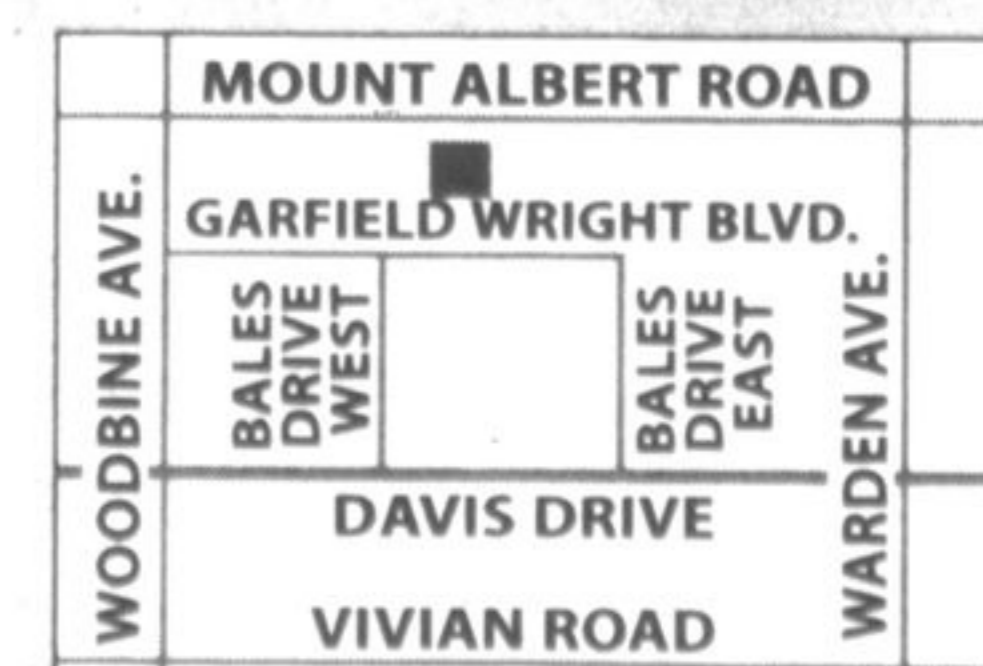


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