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Mayor Cam Guthrie;
Members of Council
City of Guelph
1 Carden Street
Guelph, ON N1H 3A1

RE: Speed Limit Reduction Proposal

Dear Mayor Guthrie and members of council:

I am writing to say that I strongly support staff's recommendation to reduce speed limits throughout the neighbourhoods of Guelph and on certain arterials.

I have long supported a reduction in speed limits as a common-sense public safety policy.

We know from statistics that unfortunately a certain number of collisions will take place in the city every year. I read that the majority of automobile collisions are due to driver error, meaning that the city has a limited ability to significantly reduce the number of collisions.

The speed at which a collision takes place is one of the most important factors about the severity of injuries and the likelihood of serious injury or death. I am asking you to accept staff's recommendation and implement it as quickly as possible.

Enforcement will be necessary, but so will appropriate street design. Drivers generally drive at a speed that "feels" right, not the posted speed limit, so design will be important in guiding behaviour.

This is a good decision for our fellow citizens, in particular the most vulnerable such as older people and children, and also our pets and urban wildlife.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Luke Weiler