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Email - Communication - Angie Kells - Speed Limits in the Northeast Swale - CK 6320-1

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To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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Subject Speed Limits in the Northeast Swale

Meeting (if known) Regular Meeting: May 25

Comments

To His Worship and City Councillors,

I am writing in to voice my concerns about the motion to raise the speed limits near the Northeast Swale. I do not support the motion and would like them to remain at 50 kph. I am a resident of Arbor Creek and I drive along the impacted road daily, to and from work. I am also an avid user of the Northeast Swale, hiking the area several times per week.

Why I'm concerned:

- The Northeast Swale is an important diverse ecosystem and we need to respect that through action and proper protection
- If they are enforced and respected, lower speed limits save animals lives and reduce animal-vehicle collisions
- 50 kph was chosen based on the 2012 Northeast Swale development guidelines which states "Posted maximum speed should be 50 kph to reduce wildlife interactions."
- The sections of road at 60 kph & 70 kph have seen animal mortality while the 50 kph zone has not, showing both the effectiveness of a lower speed limit and the presence of wildlife
- If Council approves the speed limit change, it will be yet another decision about the Swale based on politics rather than science.

Should council choose to amend speed limits to a single speed through the area, I would encourage you to amend to 50km per hour. This is in line with the development recommendations and demonstrates a commitment to environmental action. The Northeast Swale is a unique area and we are very lucky to have access to such a phenomenal natural ecosystem so close to our community. Please don't further risk this area for the sake of appeasing folks who don't actually use and enjoy this natural landscape.

Kind regards,
Angie Kells
Attachments

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