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Subject Increasing Speed Limits through Swale

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Comments

It appears that another debate is taking place on traffic through the swale. The speed limit of 50 km/hr was established in consultation with community members and academic experts in order to protect one of the only wildlife corridors through an increasing suburban area. Ironically, I was just explaining the value of the slight decrease in speed of vehicular traffic to my child the other day, after hearing my partner talk about seeing so many deer on his early-morning walks. The speed limit has been one of the signs that the city has a stake in the environment that ensures our clean water, our biodiversity, and our quality of life.

Like so many of my fellow citizens during this difficult time, our family has truly appreciated being able to connect with nature: going for walks on the paths in the swale has kept us healthy, as has our ability to see deer and hear birdsong and know that there is a watershed we can both protect and enjoy. It's hard to look at the development that encroaches constantly upon this crucial resource. It's even more frustrating to feel that our civic representatives have a limited understanding of the many small elements that will keep our city healthy.

The speed limit decrease is one small element of a larger need for sustainability. Please keep it to 50 km/hr to mitigate the damage that is being done on so many fronts to the swale and the ecosystem upon which we and our children depend.

Yours truly, Ann Martin Attachments

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