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Subject: Letter regarding Proposed Amendments to Bylaw No. 7200, The Traffic Bylaw – Speed Limit Change [File No. CK 6320-1]  
Meeting (if known): City Council Regular Business Meeting  
Comments: This letter pertains to the first recommendation of agenda item 9.4.1 for the City Council Regular Business Meeting at 1:00 pm on August 27, 2018.  
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Dear Members of Council,

It has come to our attention that you will be discussing and voting on various issues regarding the Northeast Swale, a significant and sensitive natural area. As biologists, members of the Northeast Swale Watchers and residents of Ward 10, we visit the area often and are deeply concerned about its preservation. One of the issues we believe you will be deciding on is the transition from the 70km/hour speed limit on Wanuskewin Road, to the 50 km/hour speed limit within the swale. The Chief Mistawasis Bridge connecting to McOrmond Drive through the swale will bring high traffic volumes at relatively high speeds. The consequence of having an abrupt speed decrease of 20 km/hour means that many drivers may not slow down to 50 km/hr by the time they are supposed to, resulting in increased chances of collisions with wildlife and higher noise levels within the swale.

One way to ensure timely compliance with the speed decrease and to effectively warn drivers is to install an intermediate speed zone of 60 km/hour between Wanuskewin Road and the swale. This would allow drivers to note the speed decrease, be aware for further speed decreases, and adjust their speed in more easily achievable 10 km/hour increments. The result, we believe, would be that most traffic would enter the swale compliant with the 50 km/hour limit.

This has worked in other jurisdictions, such as Rosetown, SK, where drivers coming south on highway 7 must pass through an intermediate speed transition area before entering the town at 50 km/hour. Rosetown has also taken an additional step by installing a radar-operated speed sign at the 50 km/hour boundary to serve as a check for drivers.

Some, including our councillor Zach Jeffries, have opposed similar initiatives on College Drive and, while we agree that it wasn't suitable for that location, we believe that it will work very well to transition drivers into the swale. We encourage councillor Jeffries and others to vote for the gradual speed transition which incorporates a 60 km/hour zone. Additionally, we would like to see the implementation of one or more speed cameras inside the 50 km/hour swale area to ensure compliance. Given that drivers would have had to transition from 70 km/hour to 60 km/hour and then to a final 50 km/hour, there should be no reason why any drivers would exceed the speed limit, and those that do should be fined. The money could be used to fund the Meewasin Valley Authority's management of the area, creating a win-win situation for the swale.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Chet and Candace Neufeld

■ Stensrud Road