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To:  
Brampton Community Safety Advisory Committee

Hello everyone,

I would like to bring a community safety issue to everyone's attention. This is the ongoing speed and noise problems on Creditview Rd as it passes through Mt. Pleasant and by the Sandalwood-Creditview Park.

This stretch of road is unsafe, and dangerous to both cars and pedestrians. There are two main problems:

First, cars drive far too fast, creating a safety hazard for pedestrians, especially those who cross the road. Further, this stretch of road is commonly used for different types of street racing and other unsafe behaviour, further creating safety hazards.

Second, the noise levels are far too high. This is related to speed, as high noise levels come from high acceleration, especially in high-end sports cars and motorcycles.

We believe that if decibel levels were measured on the sidewalk, it would show unsafe levels of noise for pedestrians and those outside their homes. I personally wear headphones or earplugs when I walk on that road, so that my ears don't hurt when I come home. I wake up at least once, most nights, due to a particularly loud car or motorcycle. And we live a few hundred feet away from Creditview, with another building between us and the road. I can't imagine what others along the road must hear every night.

Many local residents are considering moving out of the area, just because of noise issue alone. Of course, the safety concerns are also an issue.

The larger point is that Creditview cannot be treated as a major roadway, like Bovaird or Sandalwood. It is more like a two-lane neighbourhood road, as the houses are built so close to it in Mt. Pleasant without sound barriers.

Further, the solution to this is not difficult. Regular police enforcement, especially late at night, would do a lot. Speed cameras are another obvious solution. One in Mt. Pleasant near the church by Fairhill, and another by Sandalwood Park would slow everyone down, and thus kill the noise.

We know that the city has been reluctant to put speed cameras on major roadways, but Creditview should not be seen as a major roadway.

The residents would be ever so grateful for any action that the city might take. We are not sure what next steps are here. Residents have talked about forming a community association to send news releases out to the media, in order to advocate for major change. It's a lot of work that is ultimately unnecessary, if only we can get some changes now.

Thanks for considering everyone, and hope that we can continue the conversation. We are also thankful for the ongoing work on putting speed bumps on many other roads in our area. This has been successful in slowing everybody down.

Blessings to all of you in your deliberations,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Onderwater". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

Pastor Eric Onderwater