

Deputation for King City Municipal Government:

Addressed to: Mayor Steve Pellegrini and Members of King City Council

Topic: Traffic Calming Measures on Stan Roots Street

Introduction: Good evening Mayor Pellegrini, esteemed Councillors, and members of the King City municipal government. My name is Carmelinda Galota, and I am here on behalf of the concerned residents of Stan Roots Street. I have lived on Stan Roots for over 10 years. We sincerely appreciate the work this council does in ensuring the safety and wellbeing of our community. Today, I would like to bring to your attention a pressing matter that impacts the safety of our neighborhood: the issue of excessive vehicle speeds along Stan Roots Street.

Issue at Hand: While the need for traffic calming measures on Tatton Court has been well-documented, and was only made light of just recently, it is important to emphasize that Stan Roots Street faces a similar, if not greater, issue. Drivers are consistently traveling at excessive speeds along Stan Roots, creating a significant hazard for residents, pedestrians, and other motorists. The individuals driving on Tatton Court will more than likely find their way on Stan Roots, which inevitably will result in high speeds as well.

Inconclusive Speed Assessment: In 2023, a speed assessment was conducted in an attempt to gauge the behavior of motorists on Stan Roots. Unfortunately, the placement of the speed assessment tool sat just north of the traffic lights at Stan Roots Street and King Road, which rendered the results inconclusive of that evaluation. The location near the intersection naturally leads to a deceleration of vehicles due to the presence of traffic signals, thereby skewing the data. As a result, the assessment did not accurately reflect the speeds maintained by vehicles throughout the rest of Stan Roots Street, where the problem is most pronounced.

Lack of Communication and Resident Concerns: It is important to highlight that residents of Stan Roots Street and Tatton Court were not informed of any follow-up traffic calming evaluations after the initial 2023 assessment. The most recent communication from the municipality came only after a neighborhood petition was finalized on September 14, 2024, which appears to be a reactionary measure. During a door-to-door initiative conducted in early September, more than half of the residents on Stan Roots and Tatton Court expressed their concerns and signed the petition, calling for a re-evaluation of traffic conditions. This petition also addressed speeding issues on Tatton Court, which, as I understand, was re-assessed at the beginning of August this year. Please provide clarity why Stan Roots Street was not re-assessed in conjunction with Tatton Court. The strong community support for this petition underscores the urgent need to address the persistent speeding problem on Stan Roots Street. Despite this, there has been no formal notification to residents that any re-evaluation of traffic on our neighborhood streets has occurred.

Impact of Speeding on a Residential Road: The dangers posed by speeding motorists on a residential street like Stan Roots cannot be overstated. Excessive speeds significantly increase the risk of accidents, putting the safety of pedestrians and especially our children, at risk. Stan Roots is home to several families with young children, seniors. There is also Salamander Park which intersects Stan Roots and Tatton Court. When vehicles travel at unsafe speeds, the likelihood of a severe accident or injury is far greater. Speeding not only creates unsafe conditions but also diminishes the quality of life for residents, as the noise, fear of potential accidents, and anxiety over road safety become constant concerns amongst my neighbours as well as myself.

Request for Action: In light of these findings, we urge the council to revisit the speed assessment for Stan Roots Street. We recommend that a new assessment be conducted with a more strategic placement of the monitoring tools, further down Stan Roots Street, where the issue of speeding is more evident. Additionally, we request that council consider traffic calming measures for Stan Roots, similar to what has been proposed for Tatton Court, to address this ongoing safety concern.

Closing: The safety of our streets should always be a top priority. As representatives of this community, we know you share this commitment. We respectfully ask for your support in ensuring that the residents of Stan Roots Street are protected from the dangers of speeding motorists. We also ask that any further evaluations and decisions are communicated clearly and in a timely manner. Thank you for your time and consideration.