

**Overview:**

A safety review of County Road 4 (Water Street) was requested as a result of a collision that occurred on or about July 24<sup>th</sup> in front of their property. The vehicle was travelling southbound on County Road 4 (Water Street) in excess of the posted speed limit of 50 km/hr, lost control and drove through a residential fence and front yard impacting with parked vehicles in the driveway resulting in property damage.

In 2015 this particular section of Water Street was reconstructed with an urban road cross section that included a new asphalt road surface, storm sewers, concrete barrier curbing and pavement markings to replace a semi-urban road cross section. Often with a new road it may result in vehicles travelling at increased speeds.

On August 19, 2020, I met with Peter Nielson, Manager of Technical Services – County of Peterborough to review the site conditions with a view to what effective mechanisms could be implemented to assist in addressing the frequency of traffic speed.

**Conclusion:**

In conclusion, we discussed the possibility of designating the roadway a “Community Safety Zone” due to the proximity of several community facilities in the immediate area. This would also entail a speed reduction from the current posted 50 km/hr to 40 km/hr.

Designations of Community Safety Zones are used in areas within a municipality where there is concern for the safety of children and citizens. The design standards for Community Safety Zones is contained within the Ontario Traffic Manual with respect to roadside signage. Once this zone is established and endorsed by a municipal by-law, fines for speeding under the Highway Traffic Act are doubled.

**Recommendation:**

That the Public Works-2020-15 report, dated August 21, 2020, regarding the Community Safety Zone – County Rd 4 be received and further that;

The Council of the Township of Douro-Dummer formally requests that the County of Peterborough to establish a “Community Safety Zone” with a speed limit reduction to 40 km/hr for the following road sections:

- County Road 4, from County Road 38 to English Line South
- County Road 38, from Ford Street to County Road 4

**Financial Impact:**

There is no financial impact to the Township of Douro-Dummer; all improvements would be at the County of Peterborough’s expense.

**Strategic Plan Applicability:**

To enhance public transportation that is accessible and effective to support the needs of the community. To ensure that the public works department operates efficiently and effectively.

**Sustainability Plan Applicability:**

To have an accessible transportation network that places priority on active and efficient modes of transportation