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Subject: Urgent Action Needed: Addressing Speeding Concerns in Wardsville

Dear Middlesex Warden and Mayors of all Middlesex County Municipalities,

I am writing to draw your attention to a pressing issue regarding the rampant speeding problem on the section of Longwoods Road passing through Wardsville. The escalating speed of vehicles through our village is raising significant safety concerns among our community members.

Over the years, the speed of vehicles traveling through Wardsville has surged considerably, posing a grave risk to the safety of our residents. This concern is particularly heightened by the presence of Amish families, horse-drawn vehicles, larger farm equipment, as well as children and respected elders in our community.

As a long-term resident, I have witnessed firsthand the exponential increase in traffic speed, which is deeply unsettling for myself and many of my neighbours. Recent incidents, such as observing a delivery truck being towed, possibly due to stunt driving, underscore the urgency of the matter. The sporadic presence of the Ontario Provincial Police in our area makes enforcing speed limits a challenge.

In light of these concerns, I urgently request your collective intervention to address this issue. I propose a comprehensive study be conducted to assess the extent of the speeding problem in Wardsville. This study is imperative to formulate effective strategies for reducing vehicle speed and ensuring the safety of our community members.

Furthermore, I urge you to consider designating the stretch of Longwoods Road between the 50 km speed limit signs east of Wardsville Golf Course and west of Wardsville Tire as a Community Safety Zone. Additionally, I recommend implementing Community Safety Zones on both the northern and southern sections of Hagerty Road, which intersect with Longwoods Road in Wardsville.

To augment these safety measures, I kindly request the installation of Automated Speed Enforcement systems within these identified zones. These systems can be employed on a temporary basis as needed. Given the occurrence of accidents, particularly at the junction of

Longwoods Road and Hagerty Road, I strongly advocate for the installation of larger flashing Stop Signs to prevent accidents and enhance the safety of all road users.

In addition, I suggest that Middlesex County develops a Traffic Calming Request Form similar to the one employed in South Huron. Such a form would empower our residents to voice their concerns about speeding and other traffic-related issues, fostering a collaborative approach to resolving these challenges.

While I understand the demands on your time and resources, I firmly believe that these measures are essential to effectively address the hazardous speeding issue in Wardsville. Your collective influence and experience can significantly impact our community's safety. Moreover, these measures could potentially serve as a model for other small communities within Middlesex County that face similar challenges.

I appreciate your attention to this matter. I eagerly await your response and the potential positive changes that will prioritize the safety and well-being of our fellow residents in Wardsville.

Sincerely,

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