

August 9th, 2015

Mike Kelley
Director of Grey County Roads
Owen Sound, On.

Dear Mr. Kelley

Thank you for your precious time in regards to your kind consideration regarding the rumble strips located just north of Benallen on Grey Road 17. Myself, along with others in the community, share the view of the redundancy of their effectiveness in providing safety to our community.

As you may recall, from our telephone conversations of July 6th and August 6th, of this year, I informed you that the rumble strips are a hazard for me, as they echo off adjacent buildings, causing confusion to my service dog, Zulu, and making it very unsafe for me to cross the road in front of my dwelling.

We have resided in this mostly quiet neighbourhood for the past fifteen years and would be the first to agree that, initially, these rumbles strips did provide for safety in our community through the slowing of the movement of traffic. That being said, about six years ago, the bend in the road was re-graded and banked to accommodate faster traffic, at a higher volume and thereby reduced the risk considerably of motor vehicles going off of the road.

The rumble strips have not only taken a toll on my safety considerations, it has also affected me physically. In order to sleep through the night, I must take sleeping medication. I have also begun to take high blood pressure medication due the constant aggravation caused by this cacophony.

Furthermore, and again our neighbours share our same sentiments, our visitors find it difficult to stay overnight, as their sleep is also interrupted by the strips leading to a negative impact on our social lives.

Lastly, should we ever decide to sell the property, this would gravely and negatively impact on the marketability of our home. I would liken it to living next to an airport. The constant disruption and nuisance created by these rumble strips has deeply impacted our lives.

Truly, the only purpose of these rumble strips now is to create unbearable noise pollution, twenty four hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. If one were to multiple that by the number and frequency of the vehicles who do travel through Benallen, you begin to understand our frustrations (and I won't even mention Harold Sutherland's trucks).

Please find enclosed a list of others that share my hardships in relation to these strips. We, as a community, only wish to receive the same treatment as those in the community located at the most easterly section of Grey Road 17A, where the rumble strips were filled with asphalt a number of years ago. Further, it should be noted that the county consciously decided not to re-install rumble strips in that same location when the highway was resurfaced this year.

Should the county still have a need for drivers to be woken up to slow down at the bend in Benallen, here are some personal suggestions:

- a) A three way stop at the junction of Grey Rd 17A and Grey Rd 17 at the 'T' intersection in Benallen, thereby requiring the southbound traffic to start to slow to be able to stop;
- b) Painted vertical lines with large text stating "SLOW", to replace the rumble strips in that same location;
- c) Speed bumps;
- d) More policing and enforcement of speeding, as numerous signs do not seemed to work;
- e) Reduction of the speed limit from 50km/h to 40km/h, and higher fines as this is a clearly indicated handicapped zone.

In closing I thank you in advance for your understanding in these matters, which are truly having a holistically negative impact on my health, safety, mobility, and general well-being.

I look forward to a timely resolution being proposed by the county in the near future.

Sincerely,
Uwe Harders



SIGNATURE SHEET Ben Allen

RE: Agreement for Rumble Strip Removal for Benallen Grey Rd 17

NAME (PRINT)	ADDRESS	SIGNATURE
LILA PREZIO	178483 Gr Rd 17 Rr 2 Ow Sd (Benallen)	Lila Prezio

- perhaps reflectors in centre line would warn of bend.

BRIAN DOLAN C'MON GUYS, 15 YEARS IS A LOT TO TAKE!	401 5TH ST. E.	B. Dolan
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HELEN ANDONIAN	178453 Grey Rd. 17A Owen Sound	H. Andonian
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HARRY HONG	258602 GR RD 17	Hong
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GREG WILKIE	178459 GR RD 17.	Greg Wilkie
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John M. Taylor	178465 Gr Rd 17	John M. Taylor
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LORNE WAGMAN	778024 GR RD 17	Lorne Wagon
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Neil Havens	178481 Grey Rd 17	Neil Havens
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↳ it would be great to remove the rumble strips but something MUST be put in place to slow the traffic down.

RON HILSDEN	178446 GR RD 17A	RK Hilsden
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Judy Hilsden	178446 GR RD 17A	Judy Hilsden
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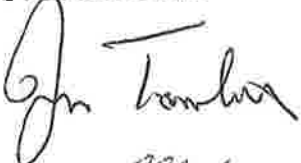

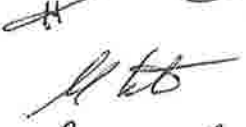


Robert Smith	178463 GREY RD 17	Robert Smith
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JUNE SMITH -	178463 GREY RD #17	June Smith
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Consider moving yellow flasher curb sign about 200 ft north of corner it would be more visible also a three way stop at intersection as we have witnessed several more stopping and should be signed as such

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Jim Tombros	R. R. 2 O. S. 178496 Grey Rd 17)	
T GLEN CATTO	RR#2 O.S.	
HEATHER Catto	258612 GRAY 17	
Glen A CATTO	RR#2 O.S.	
Rob Hassard	178475 Grey Road 17 RR#2	
Karen Nark	178475 Grey Rd 17. OWEN SOUND	