Office of the Mayor

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October 8, 2019

Patrick Hoy, Director, Transportation **Grey County** 595 9th Avenue East Owen Sound, ON N4K 3E3

Dear Mr. Hoy,

At the regular meeting of West Grey Council on October 1, 2019, Resolution 484-19 was passed requesting the Mayor bring citizen concerns to Grey County Council and Grey County Transportation Department relating to speeding in the area of Grey Road 3 and Concession 6 in the former Township of Bentinck. A copy of the resolution and an excerpt from the Council minutes are attached.

Please feel free to contact me should you require additional information. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours truly,

Christine Robinson, Mayor

cc Heather Morrison, Clerk, Grey County Mark Turner, Clerk, Municipality of West Grey

Attachment: Resolution 484-19

Excerpt from October 1, 2019 Council minutes

Corporation of the Municipality of West Grey Resolution Moved by: Seconded by: Doy Hittor Session: October 1, 2019
Be it resolved that, the Council of the Municipality of West Grey hereby requests
the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to bring forward to Grey County Council/Grey County Transportation Department, and the West Grey Police Service, the concerns expressed relating to speeding in the area of Grey Road 3 and Concession 6, Bentinck, as recommended by the Committee of the Whole.

For

Declaration of pecuniary interest or the general nature thereof:

Against

Carried _____ Defeated

Beth Hamilton Rebecca Hergert Doug Hutchinson Tom Hutchinson Christine Robinson

Geoffrey Shea

Stephen Townsend

Delegations

Cheryl Lindsay & Robin Rich

Cheryl Lindsay & Robin Rich came before Council to discuss ways to make Durham Road East and Saddler St E, Durham, a safer place for its residents, including children playing and catching the bus, and for daily pedestrians walking/walking their pets.

Ms. Lindsay cited reasons why the increased amount of traffic and rate of speed are of deep concern, including:

- 1. Between the road allowances to proposed and now initiated new development, there are two home daycare providers with children from under a year of age to high school age; one has fulltime attendees and the other is a before and after school provider.
- 2. There are at least 16 fulltime students who load and unload several buses daily to attend schools in Flesherton, Hanover and Walkerton daily.
- 3. The current road markings, white lines representing a 'walking area,' aren't clearly marked, are narrow especially to two-way traffic and truck traffic and are not visible or plowed in the winter, are highly ineffective. They also do not run the length of the road, they are inexplicably limited to a certain section of the road. Many seem to use this as a parking area, which further decreases the safety, walking area, visibility and width of the road.
- 4. Mailboxes and group mailboxes are unsafe to access.
- 5. The visibility on the road is limited due to the hills and bends in the road.
- 6. The marked speed limit signs, are ineffective; vehicular traffic, even transports, use Durham Rd E as a 'bypass.'
- 7. 4 residents we petitioned report being clipped by vehicles while walking.

Ms. Lindsay submitted a petition signed by just over 70 individuals, and provided suggestions to alleviate speeding and increase traffic safety for this road, including installing a "Children Playing" sign near home daycare sites and a school bus loading zone signage, flashing lights; a raised sidewalk on the south side of the road; speed bumps between road allowances to new subdivision; speed indicator sign for east and west bound traffic, and no passing sign for east bound traffic, top of hill before conservation area.

Robin Rich, cited speeding problems along Saddler Street East that tends to be worse during rush hour and weekends. Ms. Rich noted there are very few stop signs along a number of these area roads, and it would be appropriate to consider installing additional stop signs to alleviate instances of speeding. Ms. Rich indicated she has a petition signed by approximately 15 individuals that she will provide to the Clerk. Ms. Rich stated Saddler Street East is used as a bypass road to avoid stoplights and for going to Tim Hortons. "No Trucks" sign is not always adhered to, and have requested West Grey Police Service to provide

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additional enforcement. Ms. Rich suggested the installation of speed bumps might be a partial solution.

Council noted speeding is an issue all over and they will need to speak to the new Director of Infrastructure and Public Works about speed bumps, new signage (i.e. stop signs), and other road safety mitigation matters. There is some discussion regarding the installation of a sidewalk on the north side of Durham Road East in light of the Welton Subdivision.

Council indicated there is a notice of motion to be discussed during "New Business" relating to speeding and road safety issues, and will keep delegates informed of any developments regarding their request. Council noted photo radar could be an option if legislation is passed by the province to permit same.

Council requested a copy of the letter submitted by the delegates, and a copy of the petition mentioned by Ms. Rich.

Don Tremble

Don Tremble came before Council to discuss the trailers/campground use on the Canadian Lemkos Association (CLA) property.

Mr. Tremble reported receiving a letter dated September 25 from the Clerk advising West Grey has received legal advice, and as a result, the Municipality is not pursuing removal of the trailers, and that the CLA is to be contacted to possibly enter into a Site Plan Agreement. Mr Tremble asked if Council can provide reasons why the Municipality is not pursuing enforcement, as he has planned development in this subdivision so it is a concern to him. Mayor Robinson replied that the Municipality cannot comment on this matter due to it being a potential litigious matter, noting comments noted in these minutes will be forwarded to the municipal solicitor. Mr. Tremble asked if the letter by the Clerk was provided to Council. The Clerk noted the letter was only forwarded to the individuals requested to do so by Council.

Don Tremble also mentioned other property owners in the Forest Creek Estates subdivision aren't aware of this issue, and stated they should be made aware of this issue. Mr. Tremble commented on the great job being done by the current owners of the subdivision.

Don Tremble indicated the CLA website is advertising that individuals can pay to have a tent and parking on their property over a weekend, but doesn't mention anything about trailers. The President of the CLA, during his delegation at the September 17, 2019 Committee of the Whole (Planning) meeting mentioned grey water is dumped on the ground, which is not legal, and questioned if