

Reference No. 2020-004

January 14, 202

Mr. Donald Gouthro
81 Pond Shore Road
Sackville, NB
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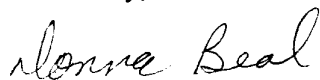
Speed Limit Pond Shore Road

Dear Mr. Gouthro:

As a follow up to your question at last evenings Regular Council Meeting, we have prepared a letter of request to the Department of Transportation.

I have attached a copy of the letter for your information. This letter was also mailed to our MLA Megan Mitton.

Yours truly,



Donna Beal
Clerk
Town of Sackville

Reference No. 2020-002

January 14, 2020

Hon. Bill Oliver
Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure
Government of New Brunswick
Kings Place, P. O. Box 6000
Fredericton, NB E3B 5H1

Dear Hon. Oliver,

RE: ROUTE 940 (POND SHORE ROAD) SPEED LIMIT/SIGNAGE

At our Regular Council Meeting of January 13, 2020, residents who reside along Route 940, and specifically Pond Shore Road within the municipal boundary, raised concerns over pedestrian safety and visibility on this stretch of road due, along with the excessive speed of drivers. This comes after a serious accident which occurred on this section of road on December 23, 2019. Residents indicated that there is very little signage in this area, there are poor sightlines, and the neighbourhood has many children who are out playing and waiting for the school bus. As a result, residents are worried that it is just a matter of time before a critical incident occurs because of the traffic speed and lack of signage.

Consequently, Council passed the motion below requesting approval from the Department of Transportation to reduce the speed limit on Route 940 from 60 KM/H to 50 KM/H and that the Department of Transportation have proper signage installed along Route 940.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR ANDREW BLACK THAT COUNCIL PREPARE A LETTER TO DTI AND THE MLA REQUESTING THAT THE SPEED LIMIT ON ROUTE 940 POND SHORE ROAD BE REDUCED FROM 60 KM/H TO 50KM/H TO THE TOWN LIMIT AND THAT DTI INSTALL PROPER SIGNAGE IN THIS AREA. MOTION CARRIED.

As you are aware, Route 940 is a designated highway within our municipal boundary and Council made a similar request back in 2008/2009. Council is again requesting the Department to consider a reduction in the speed limit and the installation of proper signage on this section of the designated highway.

Our Engineering and Public Works staff would be happy to meet with you to review the specific section of Route 940, along with the resident concerns. We look forward to a response on this request and what steps, if any, the Town needs to take to have the speed reduced and signage concerns addressed.

Sincerely,



John Higham
Mayor, Town of Sackville

Cc. Town Council
Megan Mitton, MLA
Phil Handrahan, CAO

Reference No. 2020-010

March 2, 2020

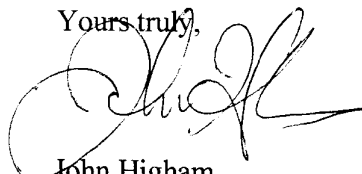
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Speed Limit Pond Shore Road

Dear Mr. Gouthro:

Please see the attached letter to Mayor John Higham received on Friday February 28, 2020 with respect to our request to DTI to reduce the speed limit and additional signage on Route 940 (Ponds Shore Road).

Yours truly,



John Higham
Mayor
Town of Sackville

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February 13, 2020

Mr. John Higham
Mayor, Town of Sackville
31C Main Street
P.O. Box 6191
Sackville, NB, E4L 1G6

Mr. John Higham:

Thank you for your letter concerning a reduced speed limit and additional signage on Route 940 (Pond Shore Road), Sackville.

The request for a speed limit reduction has been forwarded to Operations Branch for review. An evaluation will be completed as scheduling permits, taking into consideration various factors such as traffic volume, road geometry and development, based on engineering principles and guidelines. It is important to note that speed limit evaluations are completed under ideal road conditions; therefore, it will likely be spring/summer before an evaluation can be completed.

In the meantime, I invite you to visit the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure's website and view the video on setting appropriate speed limits. The video can be found at the following link under Traffic Safety – "Establishing Appropriate Speed Limits – video".

http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/dti/highways_roads.html



Thank you for taking an interest in the province's transportation system and for bringing your concern to my attention.

Sincerely,



Bill Oliver
Minister

c.c.: Mr. Charles Boudreau, District Engineer – Moncton
Mrs. Justine MacLeod, Senior Traffic Engineer
Town Council
Ms. Megan Mitton, MLA
Mr. Phil Handrahan, CAO