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Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 8:55 PM

To: MB-townclerk@milton.ca <Townclerk@milton.ca>

Subject: Website Delegation Request - Andrew Ugovsek -

Hello Town Clerk's Staff,

Please note the following response to Delegate Request Application has been submitted at Tuesday January 11th 2022 8:54 PM with reference number 2022-01-11-162.

<https://forms.milton.ca/Management/Response/View/00886aa0-aa3d-4eed-8ba8-d8d60a58b233>

Application Information

- **First Name:**
Andrew
- **Last Name**
Ugovsek
- **Email Address:**
[REDACTED]
- **Phone number:**
[REDACTED]
- **Street Address:**
[REDACTED]
- **Town**
Milton
- **Postal Code:**
[REDACTED]
- **Are you representing a group?**
No
- **Council Meeting Date**
1/17/2022
- **Please indicate how you intend to interact with the online Council Meeting**
Both audio and video
- **Please describe the issue you intend to present:**
Section VIII

5. Notice of Motion - Councillor Ali
Subject: Lower speed and automated speed cameras near elementary schools
- **Please describe specific actions you want Council to take:**
To look at all aspects of traffic calming not just speed cameras.
- **Please provide your comments in support of or in opposition to the staff recommendation:**
I will be supporting the above motion in principle. Although I do have concerns.
- **Optional: Upload the written submission that you wish to share with Council (single document, maximum 15 MB)**

1. [traffic calming Woodward.docx \[12.3 KB\]](#)
- **Do you give your permission to be audio and video recorded on the Town of Milton's live Council meeting stream?**
Yes I give my permission

I want to thank council for allowing me the opportunity to present my submission regarding a motion by Councillor Ali with respect to the lowering of speed and automated speed cameras near elementary schools. First of all, I applaud council for taking this important step towards dealing with this issue which has been ignored for too long. I support the motion in principle; however, I don't believe speed is the primary issue with respect to traffic safety in these neighbourhoods. The primary problem is the volume of cars, the overwhelming majority of which use these roads as short cuts to go somewhere else. When combined with speed it becomes dangerous. This is a result of poor traffic management by the Town and the inefficient and more often refusal to use the tools available to discourage cars from using these roads. This had resulted in many pedestrian accidents not only recently like the one near Tiger Jeet Singh School, but also the one which occurred at Childs Drive and Coxe Blvd. which resulted in the installation of a stop sign at that intersection a few years ago. Both of these events involved children.

Where I live on Woodward Avenue near the intersection of Martin Street and Woodward Avenue, we have over 3500 vehicles a day driving on Woodward Avenue between Ontario Street and Martin Street. This is a residential street with no commercial business. We have approximately 1400 children attending 3 elementary schools on or very near the street. This road was designed over 100 years ago as a straight road with no turns on it, as such it is designed for speed and it makes the perfect bypass through town. We have no traffic calming, no stops signs, no pedestrian crosswalk, and only one community safety zone sign, ironically placed right beside a school not well before it. Children attempting to cross over to go to the side entrance of Holy rosary are forced to race across the road in the morning. **To state that the standard of care to children and pedestrians is insufficient would be an understatement.** To compound the matter, the Town around 2011 installed a dedicated left turn green arrow for cars to make the left turn from Martin Street onto Woodward Avenue further increased the flow of traffic. It should be noted that no such dedicated left turn green arrow exists at Ontario Street and Woodward Avenue. As a result, cars exiting Hwy 401 travel down Martin Street to Woodward Avenue make a left and go through Woodward Avenue to Ontario Street where they either cross Ontario Street and continue on Woodward Avenue or make a right and continue on Ontario Street. This is a more dangerous route than the proper route which would encourage vehicles to make a left onto Steeles Avenue from Martin Street / Steeles Avenue intersection continue on Steeles Avenue make a right onto Ontario Street and continue to Woodward Avenue and make a left or continue on Ontario Street. In essence, the traffic department is encouraging cars to travel through residential streets with 3 schools unnecessarily. This is irresponsible and dangerous and should be reversed.

In conclusion, while speed cameras may work, I think cheaper and more effective measure would be to install traffic calming measures or inhibitors which discourage cars from using such roads in the first place. This would achieve similar goals without resorting to expensive camera equipment which will require maintenance and ultimately will needlessly clog up our court system as these speeders will have to be prosecuted. Traffic calming measures achieve the same results and in the long run are more efficient and cost effective.