

NOTICE OF MOTION submitted by Deputy Mayor Smith

Excessive speed has been a huge concern in the Township of South Stormont. Not only on County roads within the boundaries of South Stormont but also in the Villages and Hamlets within the Township.

More and more residents have taken to the streets for various reasons. Some are for exercise, dog walking, and children playing recreational sports are just a few.

Residents are encouraged to practice social distancing outdoors especially with Covid-19 still a very real threat to our community.

School children are corralled onto street corners to wait for school busses. Not all routes to these intersections have clean sidewalks or safe passage to these pick-up areas. Therefore, they are forced to use the streets along with speeding traffic.

Speeding vehicles are unnecessary and dangerous in our communities. Although lawful speed reduction is not an option by Provincial code or policy there must be other options.

To increase the fines for speeding in certain areas such as school zones and playground areas just isn't working.

Our communities need more police presence within the interior of our Township and they must start exercising their duty to ticket or take off the road these reckless drivers. This is the only way to get the attention of these drivers who are endangering the physical well being and safety of our residents, whether they be young, elderly or in between. Also, our pets are just as important to our families and need to be protected as well.

Speeding has been a concern within the Township of South Stormont for some time. Previous course of action has not worked. It's time NOW to take drastic action and enforce with zero tolerance the speed limit and make our streets safe once again.

I am presenting this motion to the Council of South Stormont and asking that Council consider writing a letter to the OPP of SD&G responsible for patrolling the streets of South Stormont. The purpose of the letter is to ask the OPP to engage in a full out blitz towards speeding. This practice should be applied for a one-month period and at least four times a year throughout.

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