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Via Email to: [sdatarsbere@brucecounty.on.ca](mailto:sdatarsbere@brucecounty.on.ca)

Re: Speeding Concerns in Arran-Elderslie Communities

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Dear Ms. Datars Bere,

At the Regular Council Meeting on August 9, 2021, the Council of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie passed the following resolution:

**Agenda Number:** 12.1  
**Resolution No.** 20-327-2021  
**Date:** Monday, August 9, 2021



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**Moved by:** Councillor Nickason  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Kanmacher

Be It Resolved that Council hereby,

1. Direct Staff to draft a letter on behalf of Council to address the speeding concerns on County roads approaching and within the communities of Arran-Elderslie, specifically County Road 10 through Chesley and Tara and County Road 3 through Paisley; and
2. That a copy of this letter be provided to the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP); and
3. That Staff work with County Staff and the OPP to address the concerns and develop suitable solutions to address the issues in these areas such as crosswalks, traffic light and the possibility of photo radar; and
4. That Staff work with the County to research the process of establishing Community Safety Zones.

**Carried**

Members of Council receive complaints of speeding within the Arran-Elderslie communities on a regular basis. It is recognized that the issue of speeding is a widespread issue, and not only limited to County roadways, however, there are increasing concerns about the rate of speed that traffic travels through the busy downtown areas of these small communities. This raises major concerns regarding the safety of residents and tourists that are living and visiting our area.

Council wishes to express that the speeding does not just begin within the town limits, and traffic approaching the town limits is often doing so at a fast rate of speed and not slowing down when coming into the communities, or not sufficiently to ensure the safety of pedestrians and other vehicles.

Lowering speed limits on the approaches has been discussed but it is not a total solution. The effectiveness of that approach only goes as far as driver obedience and it is difficult to have enforcement in place at all times. Council would like to see other means of slowing the traffic through the communities such as crosswalks and traffic lights.

Council would also like to investigate the possibility of designating these areas of concern as "Community Safety Zones". Section 214.1 (1) of *The Highway Traffic Act* provides the opportunity for the council of a municipality to, by by-law, designate a part of a highway under its jurisdiction as a community safety zone if, in the council's opinion, public safety is of special concern on that part of the highway. It is the opinion of the Council of Arran-Elderslie that public safety is greatly affected on the County roads of Bruce Road 3 through Paisley and Bruce Road 10 through Chesley and Tara. Each of these roads foster heavy traffic travelling to and from the "cottage country" areas and other popular tourist destinations in beautiful Bruce County. This designation would allow for steeper penalties for those caught disobeying the posted speed limits. *The Highway Traffic Act* also allows the use of Automated Speed Enforcement within designated Community Safety Zones. These photo radar cameras use a speed measurement device to enforce speed limits and assist in making the roads safer for all users. The result is a monetary fine to the registered owner of the vehicle. This method would provide enforcement at all times, even when the police are unable.

Although speeding is a concern in all communities, Arran-Elderslie Council is urging Bruce County Staff to work with Municipal Staff to mitigate the speeding concerns in a timely manner. A Speed Mitigation Taskforce could be formed to brainstorm, research, implement and monitor measures necessary to increase the safety of our residents and visitors.

A copy of this letter is being provided to the Ontario Provincial Police as well for their review and we ask that they work with Staff, and if formed, the Speed Mitigation Taskforce, to assist with the process and ongoing monitoring.

Council and Staff of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie look forward to working together to reduce the speeding and increase public safety within the communities of Arran-Elderslie.

Sincerely on behalf of the Council of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie,

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