Submission From Sharon Kirk

Thank you for the opportunity to express my thoughts on keeping the speed limit on Wellington Crescent (WC) at 30 km all year round, 24/7. I have lived on W.C. for 12 years and have seen the impact that the speed limit has for all citizens using the street; pedestrians, roller bladers, joggers, cyclists and vehicle drivers. There is no doubt that the street is much safer for all when the speed limit is 30 km. Once the speed limit is raised to 50 km, Wellington Crescent becomes more dangerous for all citizens using the street. Vehicles often drive at speeds of greater than 50 km, causing this residential street to become a very unsafe place. A huge issue is that with 2 lanes in each direction, vehicles will often pass other vehicles in the right-hand lane. This is where the cyclists are travelling, and these cyclists are at great risk of being hit by a car travelling at a high speed. A 30 km speed limit on Wellington Crescent is needed all year long to keep everyone safe, particularly the cyclists travelling in the right-hand lane. In addition to lowering the speed limit, closing the right-hand lane to vehicles would greatly enhance safety.

Wellington Crescent is a major corridor for cyclists commuting from the suburbs to downtown for work. The city needs to be proactive and make Wellington Crescent a safe place for these cyclists.

In June of 2024 a cyclist was hit by a car on Wellington Crescent and tragically did not survive. We cannot let a tragedy like this happen again. We must protect our cyclists whether they be commuting to/from work or school or cycling for pleasure. We need to keep our cyclists safe. When the speed limit is 50 km, I no longer cycle on WC as I have seen far too many near misses for cyclists when vehicles pass in

the right-hand lane at 50 km or more. A 30 km speed limit keeps everyone using the street safe, cyclists, roller bladers, pedestrians crossing the street and vehicle drivers themselves.

On February 25, 2023 a car lost control, drove right up on to the pedestrian walkway in front of my home, and was stopped by a lamp post (see photos below). The car knocked the huge lamppost over. Luckily few people were out walking, and the car did not hit a pedestrian. With a 30 km speed limit, the driver would likely not have lost control and driven onto the pedestrian walkway. We need to think of the multitude of pedestrians on Wellington Cresent when setting the speed limit. A 30 km speed limit all year long can save lives. There are many pedestrians and cyclists using the street during the Winter and they deserve a safe place to walk, jog and cycle.

Ideally at some point other traffic calming measures on Wellington Crescent such as 3 way stops and speed bumps would make the street a safer place, but keeping the speed limit at 30 km all year long would have an immediate effect on safety.

It is my great hope that the speed limit on WC can be 30 km 24/7 all year long. This will keep everyone using the street safe; pedestrians, cyclists, roller bladers and vehicle drivers. Academy, Corydon, Grant and Tayler Avenues are all available for drivers who prefer to drive at 50 km. Wellington Crescent is a residential street used by multitudes of people for walking, jogging and cycling all year long. They deserve to be safe all year long. Keeping the speed limit at 30 km all year to River Avenue would make Wellington Crescent a safe street for everyone.



