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**Position Statement - Neighbourhood Traffic Safety Program**  
Town Of Oakville Council, Monday October 18, 2021, 6:30 pm

To Mayor Burton and members of Council,

The Trafalgar Chartwell Residents' Association (TCRA) applauds this program and congratulates Council and Staff. We are keenly interested in the six components of this program and the tools that will be implemented to control speeding in our neighbourhood. Going forward, we wish to be engaged in further public consultation and we offer our assistance in communicating with our residents.

Unfortunately, we only became aware yesterday of this item on today's agenda. We have not had time to digest Staff's report properly. We would welcome the opportunity once we have had more time to register any concerns and comments. In the meantime, the following are two matters which jump out at us.

1. Reducing the town-wide default speed limit to 40 km/h will not on its own reduce speeding. Broad and consistent enforcement, in conjunction with HRPS, will be necessary to achieve this goal. To that end, identifying additional Community Safety Zones and adopting the Automated Speed Enforcement Program, with fines issued under the provincial AMPS, are measures which we wholeheartedly support. However, seven mobile cameras, with one allocated to each ward, seem far too few for the job. We believe that they should be allocated based on identified speed reduction needs rather than geography alone. We note the comments under "ASE Proposed Operation" which imply acquisition of further cameras (including "Fixed" cameras) once we have gained experience from the initial program. However the costing seems not to allow for growth of the program. We are uneasy on this point.
2. The proposed Communications Plan seems to focus exclusively on publicizing the reduced speed limit. We respectfully suggest that the plan be expanded to include publicizing the ASE enforcement program as well. We see no likelihood of changes to drivers' behaviour until they internalize the penalties of speeding.

As the population growth in Midtown is realized, as our demographic cycles to younger families, as a rejuvenated Downtown attracts more visitors, and as walking throughout our neighbourhood continues to grow, the need for this program will become more and more evident. We look forward to its implementation.

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors, Trafalgar Chartwell Residents' Association