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Subject: Follow Up on Safety Concerns Side Road 30 N

Attention: Mayor Peabody, Brockton Council, and Director of Operations

September 8th, 2020. That's when my husband, Steve, presented to council our concerns about safety on our road, SR 30 N. At the end of that meeting Mayor Peabody advised that the Director of Operations, Mr. Furtney, would be advised and would be in touch about "immediate traffic calming measures".

We have never heard anything more from anyone on this issue. The speeding, passing on our blind hill and use of Sideroad 30 as an Elmwood bypass continue.

It goes without saying that we have waited patiently for some action by the Municipality. Yes there was Covid and a change of Municipality staffing and of council members. But perhaps now this safety issue can finally be dealt with before an innocent cyclist, Amish family, farmer or neighbour becomes yet another fatality on this stretch of road.

I have attached the original letter we sent to council as well as the links to the council zoom meeting where all in attendance expressed agreement at that time that this is a serious road safety issue.

It has been over 2.5 years and nothing has been done.

Thank you for your time and look forward to hearing from you very soon.

Sincerely,
Pat O'Neil

The presentation and council's response to our road safety concerns begins around the 7:13 minutes to 18:15 minute mark of the zoom meeting.

As you probably know SR 30 is used as a main road between Chesley and Hanover.

This presents a number of problems including:

- high traffic volume
- excessive speeding
- failure to stop for stop signs
- and reckless passing of slow moving vehicles.

You are probably also aware that SR 30 is a series of knolls and blind hills used by:

- large farm equipment
- milk and fuel trucks
- Amish buggies
- cyclists
- and children on scooters.

This is a deadly combination. We worry that someone is going to be seriously injured especially where Conc. 10 meets SR 30 because you cannot see to the bottom of the hill.

At the bare minimum a No Passing sign is needed here.

Others suggestions include:

- reducing the speed to 60 km/hr between the 12th & 8th Concessions (with signs indicating the village of Elmwood is coming up)
- reducing the speed to 60 km/hr between the south end of Chesley and the 2nd Conc. (with signs indicating that slow moving vehicles use this road).

Both these suggestions could increase safety on SR 30 and increase traffic flow into Elmwood which may help local businesses while at the same time encouraging slower moving traffic to stay off the highway.