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To: Mary Ellen Truelove
Subject: Speed Limit on Highway 15 - Elgin
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Dear Mary Ellen,

Thank you for sending us your meeting correspondence from the Township of Rideau Lakes' Municipal Services Committee, as well as forwarding us the local resident's email outlining their safety concerns on Highway 15 at Elgin. I am pleased to respond on behalf of the ministry.

Safe, reasonable and enforceable speed limits play a major role in making Ontario's roads among the safest in North America. Road safety may be enhanced through credible posted speed limits that match the expectation of drivers for a given roadway and its surrounding area. One of the many ways to create a safer road environment is to provide credible posted speed limits that match the expectation of drivers for a given roadway and its surrounding area.

When determining the speed limit for a highway, the ministry considers several factors such as the type of road (freeway, local road, etc.) and its design, driver expectations and adjacent land use/development. If the speed reduction is not consistent with the characteristic of the highway and the surrounding physical environment then the reduced speed limit signs may not be effective. As such, speed limits are reviewed regularly for each section of highway and are set based on these factors.

The ministry completed a detailed assessment of the highway geometry as described above which indicated that the current 80 km/h posted speed limit is the most appropriate speed along this section of highway. The review also confirmed that motorists travelling in this area have sufficient stopping sight distance to brake and come to a full stop if necessary in the event of a vehicle either crossing or entering onto Highway 15 from one of the intersections at Elgin.

We will continue to monitor the section of Highway 15 at Elgin to evaluate if any improvements can help alleviate any identified operational concerns.

Thank you for your interest and sharing your community's concerns about highway safety.

Sincerely,

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