

Mayor and Members of Council :

My name is Gail J. Ross. I was not going to write to you all but after recently speaking with another new neighbour of mine, I must voice my concerns.

She came over to give her condolences for my puppy that had died on January 22, 2025. She was run over by a Township Truck speeding. During this conversation my neighbour also voiced her concerns with regards to the speed of traffic on this Street as she has young kids who play on it. She asked if the Township apologized or offered any monetary value for the loss of the puppy. I said "NO" and told her how my husband was treated on the phone that day.

On Jan. 22 2025 my puppy was hooked up to her leash when the clasp broke. I was with her when it happened. She ran out to the road with me directly behind her a few feet. I had heard the revving of a truck motor and started to wave my arms and shouting to stop. The truck did not see me and ran over my puppy. The truck did not slow down to stop until it passed my neighbours house. By this time I was screaming and in shock. I could not believe the truck just ran her over. It was a Township truck.

The two men got out and said "I Am sorry, we did not see her, we were looking to the other side of the street ". After a few minutes my son came out and the two township employees told him " We were Not paying attention". I have to question these comments as when my husband called the Township to complain about the incident, he was told " the dog was running free on the street and they did not see her as she ran out in front of them. I was there and they did not even see me running across my front lawn waving at them and yelling.

At the London Animal Hospital the vet asked what Highway she was hit on, I said my dead end street but because of her injuries the vet thought it was speeding highway.

After speaking with several of my neighbours with regards to the speed of traffic on this street. I found out that some speeders are residences on the street , people who pick up their mail at the box, they zoom down and back up, delivery vans and Township trucks. I must agree as I have witnessed this since I have moved here.

I asked why no one complains and I was told nothing will get done.

[REDACTED] I have also witnessed this and thought it was strange as no road work is happening.

I put an online complaint with the Township regarding the speed of traffic on this Court. I got a return phone call indicating the Township does not have jurisdiction for speeding complaints and was advised to call the OPP.

I called the OPP and put in a complaint regarding the speed of traffic on this street. At least the receptionist there was sorry for my loss and felt bad for what I had gone through.

Nothing has changed to stop or control the speed of traffic.

When I first visited Tillsonburg and looked at this house in June of 2024 the street had children playing hockey, riding bikes and people just walking around with their loved ones. I did not see any speeding traffic. If I had known this street is very busy with traffic and the speed of the traffic I would never have moved here and my puppy would be here today with me.

You see the puppy was given to me as a companion for me as I had suffered a bad incident with a much larger dog. She was my best friend who gave me comfort and love all the time. She followed me everywhere and loved everyone.

I have two neighbour who offered to babysit her anytime. You see this has affected my life terribly and I don.t even get an acknowledgment from the Township of what happened that day.

I have some questions that I would like answers for.

1. Why was the Township on my street that morning? Roadwork? Why? (My neighbour said the truck left immediately.)
2. Why are there no road signs for slow down or speed limit sign?
3. Why are there so many Township driving up and down my street weekly if not daily?
4. Why did the Township treat my husband with disrespect during his call about the death of my puppy?
5. Am I not entitled to a 'Sorry for your Loss' or even acknowledge that their employee did in fact run over my puppy and killed her?

6. Is it possible to get a street sign or two that says SLOW DOWN or a speed bump or two?

The amount of traffic and the speed of the traffic is a great concern not just for me but for the others who live on the street

I am hoping to get at least a few signs to slow down or even a speed bump or two. Something to help control the speed of traffic within this short street. I am hoping this will happen before another incident hat could possible involve a child.

Sincerely,

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