



TRAFFIC CALMING REVIEW

Robert Ferrie Drive

INFORMATION PACKAGE AND PUBLIC COMMENT FORM

Wednesday, November 27, 2019
Presentation at 7:00 PM
Groh Public School
225 Thomas Slee Drive, Kitchener



BACKGROUND

Transportation Services has received requests from the local residents on Robert Ferrie Drive to review the existing traffic conditions along this roadway.

In response to these requests, the City of Kitchener has initiated a traffic calming review for Robert Ferrie Drive. This process includes opportunities for public input and the consideration of a number of alternatives with respect to social, economic and environmental impacts. This process will ensure that any decision resulting from this study is transparent, defensible and traceable. It is important that any future decisions made by the City in this regard are technically feasible, economically responsible and socially acceptable.

The traffic calming review for Robert Ferrie Drive will include the following processes:

- Early and ongoing public consultation in the planning process;
- Identification and review of appropriate traffic calming measures;
- An investigation of the impacts of those traffic calming measures;
- Identify a preferred alternative;
- Implementation and monitoring of the plan.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the study is to address traffic issues and concerns on Robert Ferrie Drive. Since receiving input at our first Public Information Centre, held on June 12, 2019, the project team has investigated a range of traffic calming measures and developed a preferred alternative design for traffic calming along Robert Ferrie Drive.

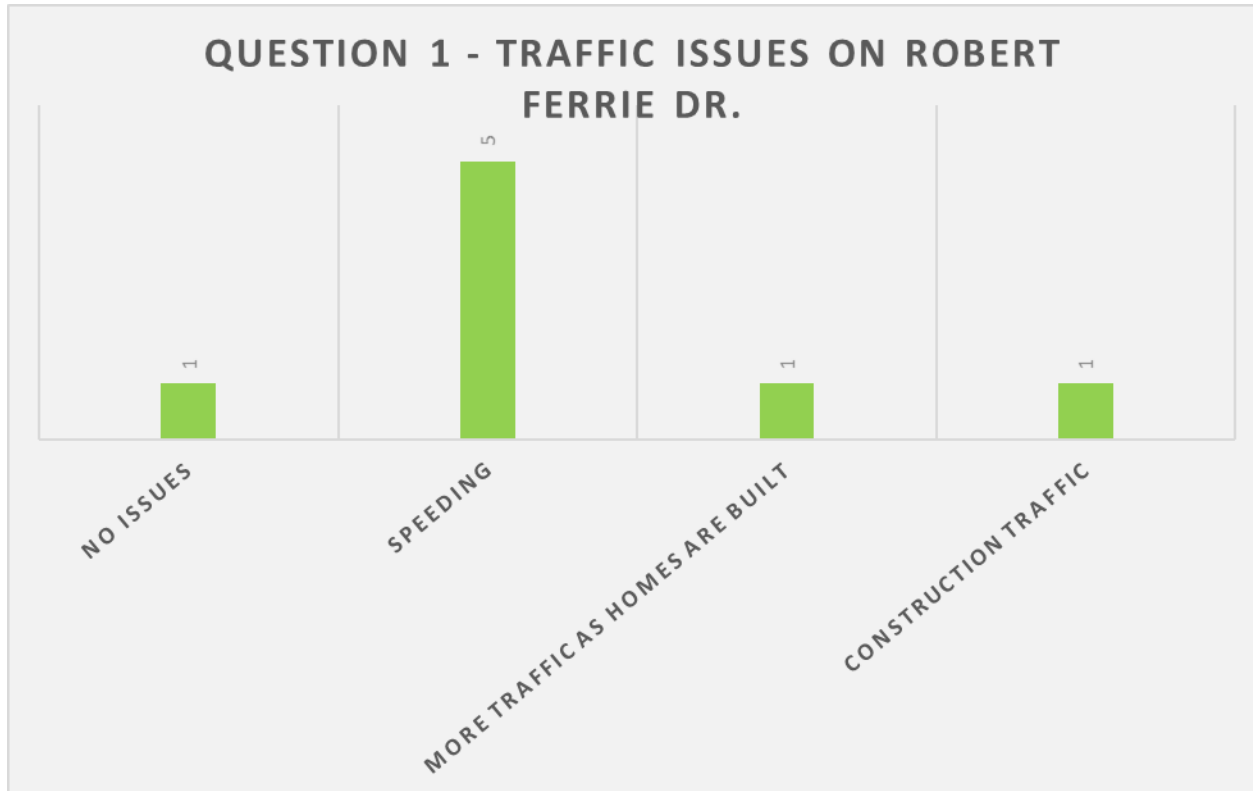
This presentation will serve to summarize existing neighbourhood conditions, resident feedback and outline the preferred alternative design. This public meeting will also provide residents with the opportunity to voice concerns and suggestions on the issues and the preferred alternative design, as well as outline the next steps of the process, including the implementation strategy.

FEEDBACK ANALYSIS

A total of seven (7) resident responses were received after the first Public Information Centre held in June 2019. The questions that were posed to residents in the information package have been summarized and the results are as follows.

Traffic Issues

The chart shown below outlines the items that residents have identified as concerns they have with the traffic on Robert Ferrie Drive.



As depicted in the chart above, the top traffic issue that was mentioned by residents was speed.

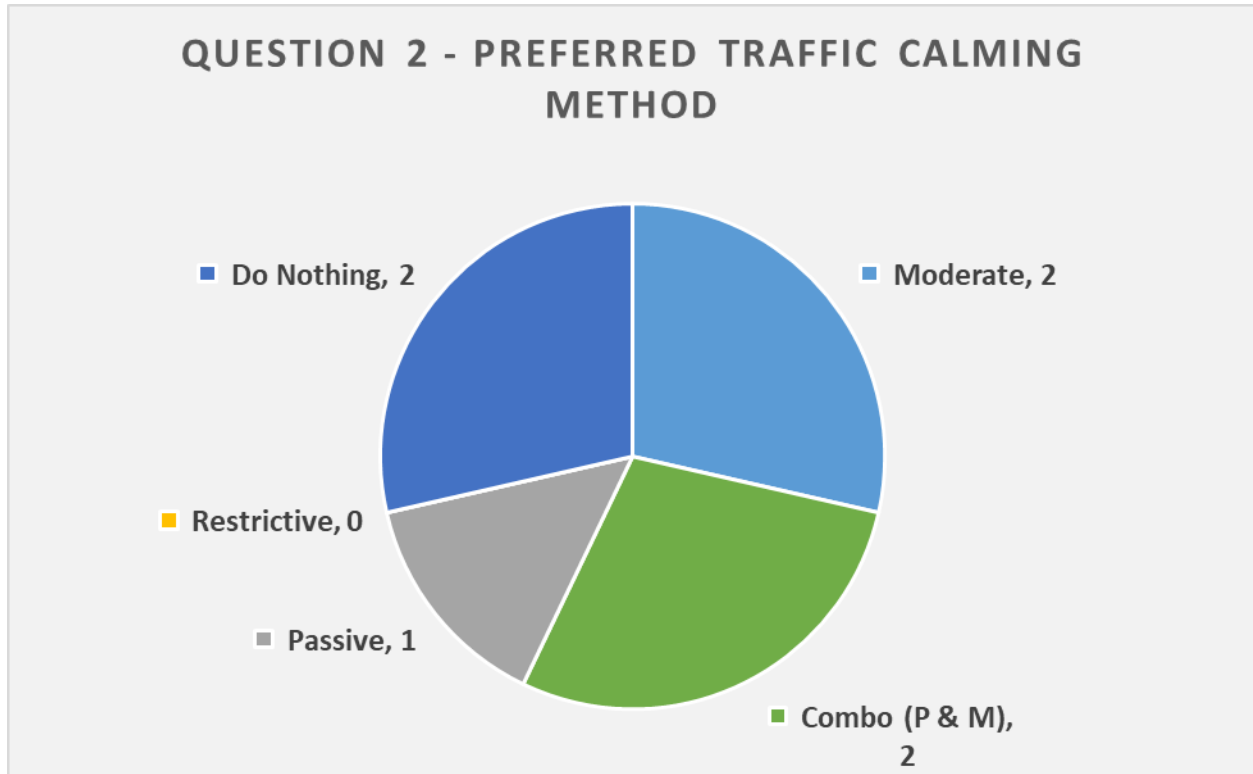
The issue of speed was directly mentioned five (5) times in the seven (7) resident feedback responses that were received by Transportation staff.

Traffic volume was mentioned once by residents in their feedback. It is important to note that Robert Ferrie Drive is designated as a Major Community Collector Street, and the current volume of approximately 2,000 vehicles per day is well within the design limits for this type of roadway.

Construction traffic was mentioned once by residents in their feedback. This issue will dissipate as the surrounding community is completed.

Preferred Traffic Calming Method

The chart shown below outlines which method of traffic calming that residents identified as their preferred method to address concerns along Robert Ferrie Drive.



As the chart above displays, the majority of respondents (4 residents) feel that a moderate or a combination of moderate and passive measures would be the best approach for the proposed traffic calming plan for Robert Ferrie Drive.

Two (2) residents indicated that keeping the roadway as it currently is, is the best approach.

One (1) resident indicated that they preferred a passive approach to the traffic calming plan.

Suggested Traffic Calming Measures

The table below summarizes the measures that were mentioned as general suggestions for the traffic calming plan from the resident feedback responses received by staff.

General Suggestions	Number of Mentions
Install something near Tilt Drive Trail	7
Speed Humps	5
Do not remove Parking	5
Narrowings	2
Do not install in front of homes	2
All-Way Stop	2
Ladder Bars / Zebra Crosswalks	1
Speed Radar Sign	1
Police Enforcement	1
Restrict Construction Traffic	1

TRAFFIC CALMING PROCESS

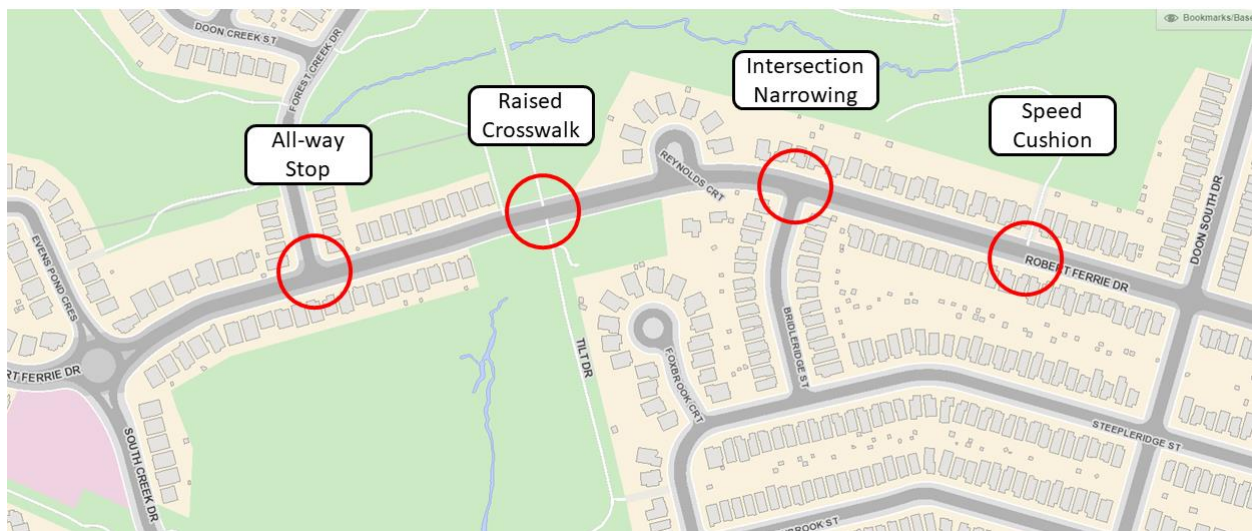
The City of Kitchener has an approved traffic calming policy that affects this study as follows:

- Traffic calming is used to address safety, speeding or through traffic issues;
- The City requires 25% support from affected residents to initiate a traffic calming study (this was achieved through the mail survey sent in April 2019)
- Traffic calming devices can involve changes in traffic signing, traffic control and/or physical changes to the road;
- If neighbourhood issues are caused by the poor operations of the arterial network (regional roads) improvements to these adjacent roads will be considered;

- Vertical deflection devices are to be avoided on transit routes, emergency response routes and major collectors;
- In order to implement a traffic calming plan at least 60% support is required from the responses of 50% of the affected residents.

If you are concerned and affected by traffic on Robert Ferrie Drive, we need your involvement, as well as your neighbours, in order to provide input and support for any potential changes.

RECOMMENDED TRAFFIC CALMING PLAN



- An all-way stop is warranted at the intersection of Robert Ferrie Drive and Forest Creek Drive.
- Raised Crosswalk (speed hump) at the Tilt Drive Trail crossing.
- Intersection road narrowing at Robert Ferrie Drive and Bridleridge Street. A study has confirmed that this location does not warrant an all-way stop. Robert Ferrie Drive will be narrowed to six (6) metres, allowing two-way traffic operation while reducing the available road width by one-third.
- Speed cushion at the trail entrance approximately 120 metres from Doon South Road.



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We need your input!

To help the study team with its work, we are requesting input from the public on the following three questions:

1. Do you agree with the recommended changes to address road user safety concerns along Robert Ferrie Drive? Please explain or provide additional comments.

YES: _____ NO: _____

2. If you prefer some other measure or if you feel there are other issues and criteria that should be considered, please provide these below.

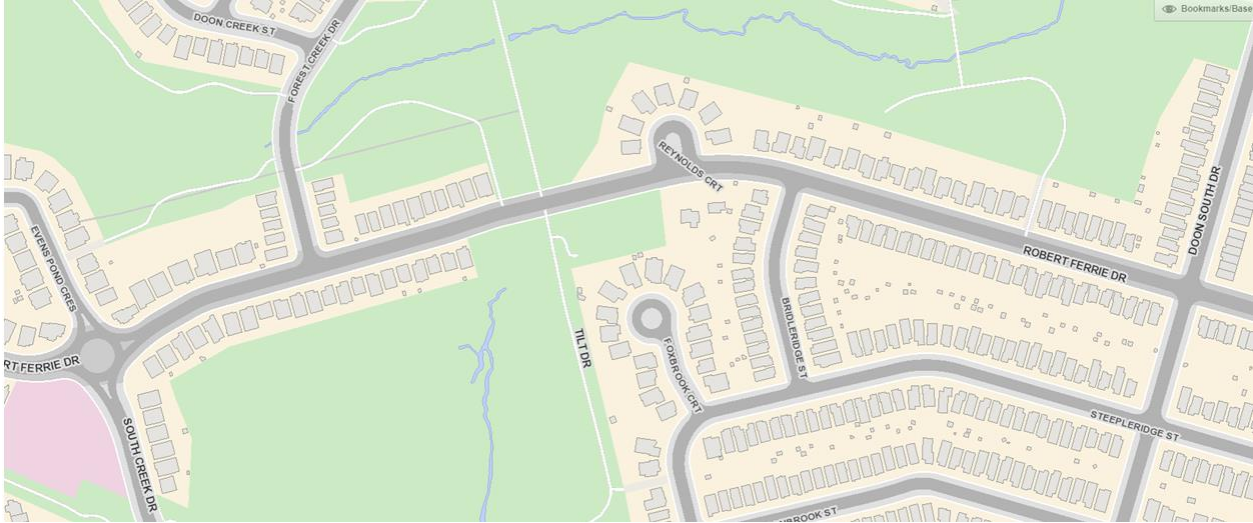
3. General Comments.



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Please indicate your suggestions / ideas on the attached map below.



PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SO THAT WE CAN DISCUSS YOUR CONCERNS IF REQUIRED:

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PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2019