

Members of Council for the Town of Grand Valley:

Good afternoon:

As a concerned citizen I would like to address council on 2 important items.

The first is a dangerous condition that exists at County Road 109 and County Road 25. Traffic has increased drastically in the last couple of years, especially the heavy truck traffic. Heavy trucks are bringing fill from Metro Toronto to various sites to be used as fill, Trucks are bringing compost from other cities, mainly Toronto to a compost site near Arthur. There is also a new quarry that has opened up on Wellington Road 16 with trucks taking aggregates back to the city. This in addition to all the trucks hauling grain daily to the various elevators and feed hub near Wallenstein, and Elmira. With the bridge construction taking place on 109 near Arthur taking place, which could take up to 4 years to complete, we are also getting large numbers of cars and traffic coming at one time because of the added lights due to the construction. Traffic is also coming in packs from the east due to the 3 sets of lights that now exist west of Orangeville. Most nights it takes me 2 lights to make a left hand turn into Grand Valley and then I am usually going through on a late yellow while others have crossed illegally across the parking lot of the former Kelly's Restaurant. My concern is others will get restless and turn right into the path of traffic passing through at 80 km per hour.

I would like council to contact the County of Dufferin to consider putting in an advance Green turning light left into Grand Valley. Secondly, I feel the speed limit should be lowered from 80 to 60 km through this zone before a serious accident occurs.

My other concern is the containment pond that exists on Taylor drive, right behind my Leeson Street home. While the grass around the out side of the pond has been kept up, the pond itself has not. After a dry summer the water looks stagnate, bull rushes have grown up and it is an eye sore. Not to mention the mosquitoes that it attracts. When this pond was proposed. we as neighbors were told this would not happen.

I trust council will address these items and I look forward to meeting with you at your September 23rd council meeting

Jim Irvine