

MTO asked to review speeds on Highway 9

By Bill Rea

The Town of Caledon is asking the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to review the posted speed limits on Highway 9, from Regional Road 50 to a point between Airport Road and Mountainview Road.

Town councillors were recently quick to pass the motion that was put forth by Councillor Nick deBoer.

The preamble to the motion noted the posted speed limit along that stretch is 80-km-h, and the portion of road contains a number of driveways, as well as entrances drive-thru establishments, gas stations, etc. It added local emergency services have had to respond to many calls near some of these entrances.

The motion called for the review to see if lower speed limits could reduce the number of accidents. As well, deBoer added an amendment at the last minute, asking Town staff to provide relevant information to MTO, in order to "try to make it as easy as possible."

He said there are a couple of areas along the stretch that pose particular problems, including at the intersection with The Gore Road. As well, there are two Tim Hortons outlets; one at the Esso station west of Regional Road 50, and the other just west of Airport Road.

DeBoer said he's been told by the district fire chiefs at both Palgrave and Mono Mills that the stretch cited in his motion is where the most activity is.

"That's the busiest section," he said.

"There seems to be more and more cars coming up The Gore Road," he also observed.

Deboer added there's already been a review conducted on the stretch of road to the west, which was requested by the Town of Mono. Councillor Jennifer Innis agreed there have been a lot of accidents along the stretch of road, including some involving pedestrians.