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Subject: Port Whitby Community Traffic Petition

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Town of Whitby and Durham Region Clerks: Please would you distribute the attached petition to all members of Durham and Whitby Councils and staff as appropriate, thank you.

Interim Chief Todd Rollauer (DRPS): Please would you distribute as appropriate, thank you.

NOTE: The document is also filed in Google and can be accessed via this link:

Please let us know if there are any concerns. We look forward to a response.

Regards,

Wenda Abel

Davina Jones

PORT WHITBY COMMUNITY TRAFFIC PETITION November 16, 2022

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PORT WHITBY COMMUNITY TRAFFIC PETITION TO WHITBY COUNCIL, DURHAM REGION COUNCIL AND DURHAM REGIONAL POLICE SERVICES TO ENACT ENFORCEMENT AND TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES IN PORT WHITBY and the WHITBY WATERFRONT AREAS TO STOP SPEEDING, AGGRESSIVE DRIVING AND EGREGIOUSLY EXCESSIVE NOISE FROM ILLEGAL MODIFIED MUFFLERS ON CARS AND MOTORCYCLES

We, the undersigned urgently call on **Whitby Council, Durham Region Council and Durham Regional Police Services** to preserve the peace, uphold the right to the enjoyment of our property and protect the health and well being of the Residents of the Port Whitby area. The issues noted above have increased exponentially over the last 6 years and will continue to do so as the population density grows. In an effort to assist the Durham Regional Police and Whitby Council in understanding the problem, several actions have been taken in order to raise awareness of Councils and Police Services, most recently documentation of noise and speeding offenses. To date, no constructive action has been undertaken and the issues persist on Victoria St. and the adjacent waterfront and residential streets of our neighborhood.

We call on you to take immediate, robust and necessary measures to STOP these dangerous and illegal activities through the following actions.

- Meet with a delegation of Port Whitby Residents to as soon as possible to hear our observations and experiences and their impacts in order to collaborate with Residents to develop appropriate solutions to address and eliminate/curb these activities.
- Prepare and share with Residents a PLAN for immediate enforcement against the illegal activities AND undertake the earliest possible implementation of specific TRAFFIC ROUTING and TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES on the streets of Port Whitby bounded by 401 south to Water St., Gordon St. east to South Blair St. and including Brock St., Victoria St., Watson, Charles, Dufferin and Front Sts.
- Provide the RESOURCES, TOOLS and MANDATE to Council Staffs and Durham Regional Police Services necessary to successfully implement the PLAN.
- Call on and work with all other Durham Region Municipalities to immediately plan and implement a joint REGION-WIDE
 ACTION against speeding, aggressive driving and the illegal use of modified mufflers on vehicles on Durham Region streets
 and highways.
- Call on the Provincial Government to ENACT LAWS and PROVIDE A FULL COMPLEMENT of TOOLS and RESOURCES to
 Durham Region Municipalities and the Durham Regional Police Services to support enforcement of speeding and aggressive
 driving laws and STOP the use of ILLEGAL MODIFIED MUFFLERS on vehicles on public streets and highways including
 the ability to impose FINES and PENALTIES consonant with the egregious nature of the impacts of these illegal activities.

PORT WHITBY COMMUNITY TRAFFIC PETITION AUTHORS

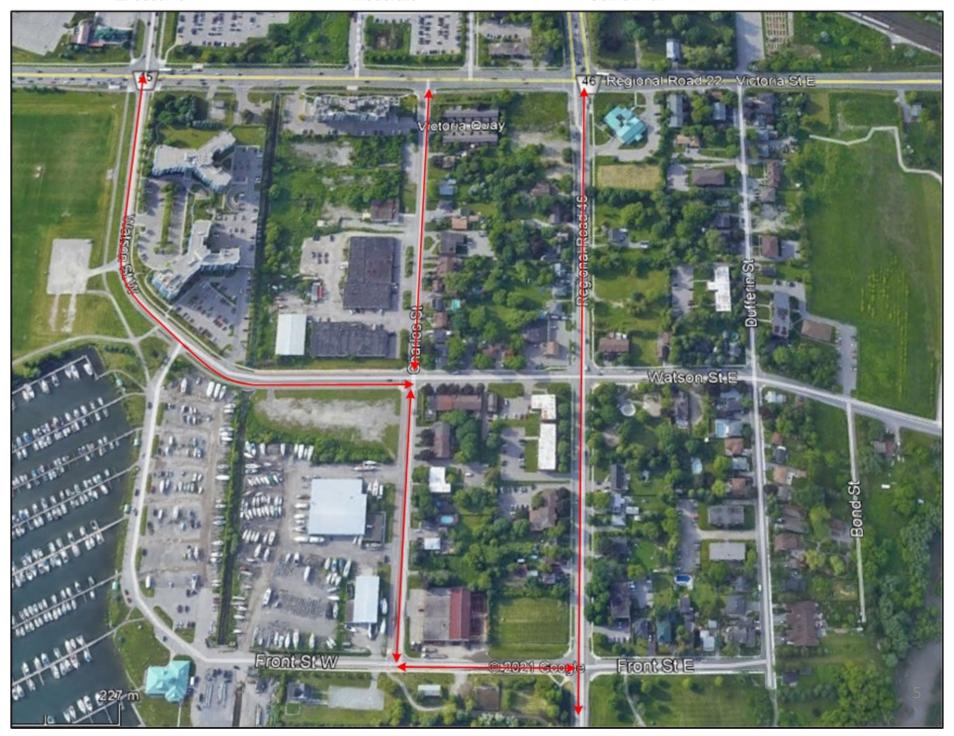
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PORT WHITBY TRAFFIC RECREATIONAL TRAFFIC TO/FROM WATERFRONT

Excessive — Moderate — Somewhat –



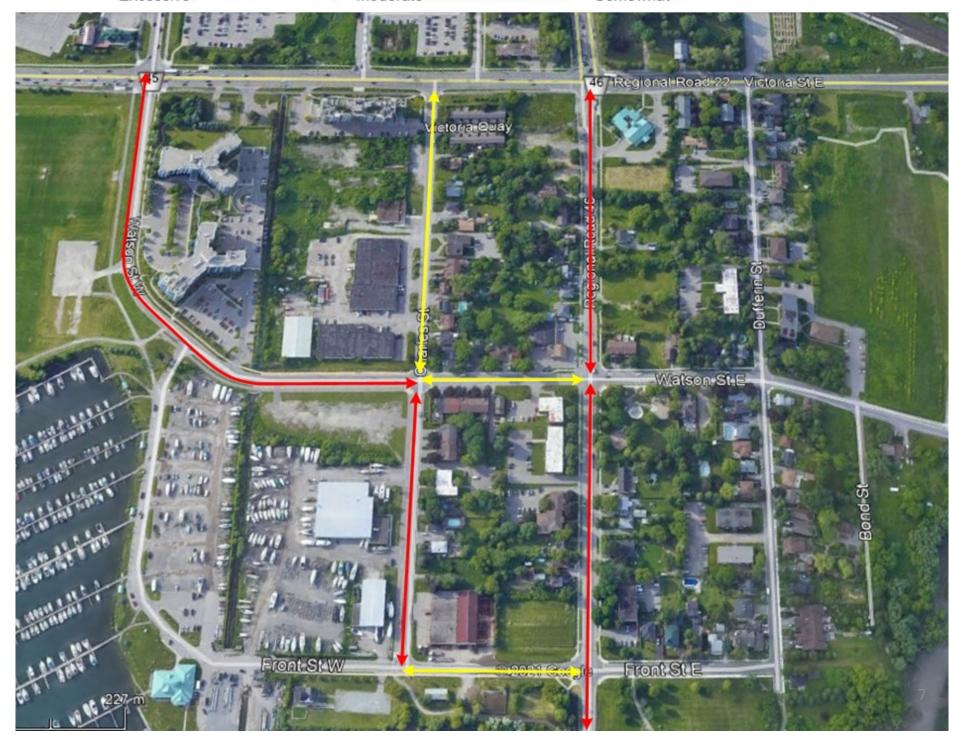
PORT WHITBY TRAFFIC INDUSTRIAL TRAFFIC/LARGE TRUCKS

Excessive — Moderate — Somewhat —



PORT WHITBY TRAFFIC SPEEDING/PASSING/DANGEROUS

Excessive — Moderate — Somewhat



PORT WHITBY TRAFFIC CUT THROUGH TRAFFIC OCCURES WHEN PROBLEMS ON HENRY/BROCK/401 OR VICTORIA



PORT WHITBY TRAFFIC - OTHER CONCERNS

Overall routing problems for wayfinding to/from waterfront and industrial - also need signage and correction as to where google and other maps are sending them.

speeds on streets, road markings to reduce street widths would help.

Community Fines Increased signage on all ingresses along with lower

Front St E 12021 Geogle

Line-ups of vehicles to and from waterfront revving engines, noisy truck gears, while waiting at 4-way stop.

Marina entrance, Fire route, Movement of boats

Sport participants ignoring no parking. Cause dangerous passing and blocking of ingress from

Victoria

Blind driveway.

Blind corner_

+ bus stops

No sidewalks

marina driveway-

Blind driveway

(speed/passing)

4-way stop largely

Blind corner

ignored

at all

(speed/passing) Pedestrian Crossing.

> Stop sign largely ignored by trail crossing.

Stop sign largely ignored dangerous for pedestrians crossing between parks

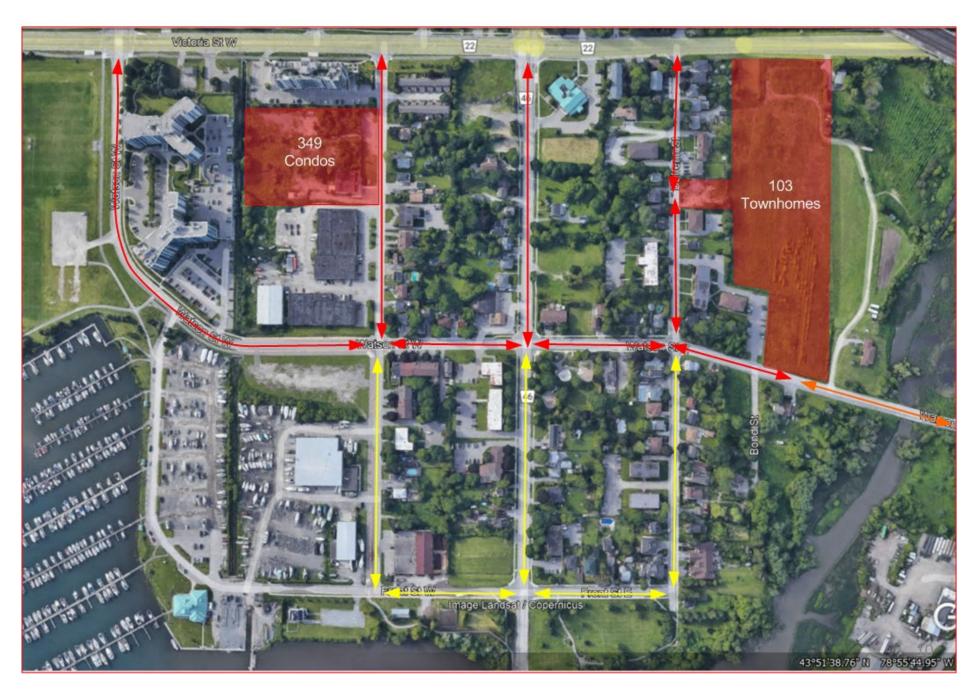
Extremely dangerous pedestrian area/ bridge. Inconsistent speed signs (and too fast) on the blind bends on Water Street. Excessive speeding around the blind bends. Parked cars on narrow streets.

South Blair

ENFORCEMENT

PORT WHITBY TRAFFIC ADDITIONAL IMPENDING NEW DEVELOPMENTS

Excessive — Moderate — Somewhat



PORT WHITBY COMMUNITY TRAFFIC PETITION - SIGNATURES

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THANK YOU!

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DATE	то	FROM	SUMMARY
August 28, 2014	Don Mitchell, Joe Drumm, Liz Roy,	Davina	Henry Street closure and large amount of commuter traffic, impact and lack of communication or preparation within the community
August 28, 2014	Davina	Don Mitchell	Thanks Davina. I will forward it to the Commissioner of Works. I have already talked to him about the need for a clear and communicated management plan and constant monitoring and adjustment. That GO garage should never have gone there and was not supported by the Town or the Region. It's location has driven the need for the major work and Henry and that has caused all these problems - as we all knew it would. You just can't move all those commuters through an already congested Victoria. It is just so frustrating because all of this was identified when we first heard of their plans to put the garage there.
September 29, 2014	DRPS	Davina	Hi Folks, I am writing on behalf of the residents of Port Whitby. We could really use some enforcement before someone gets killed. Our neighbourhood has always had trouble with the go station traffic bleeding through here in rush hour. But with the construction on Henry Street, this has become unbearable. They speed/pass on the blind bend on Watson, squealing tires, road rage. Speeding down Charles and turning around. They accelerate through stop signs without stopping (especially the 4-way stop at Watson and Charles).
September 29, 2014	Don Mitchell, Liz Roy, Shirley Scott,	Davina	fyitraffic is a sore spot down heresomething I want to dig into further with the next council. But right now it needs enforcement
September 29, 2014	Don Mitchell, Liz Roy, Shirley Scott, Joe Drumm, Lorne Coe	Davina	Traffic is a hot topic right now - huge for us in the south, and also a PITA concern for many Whitby transit users. Please feel free to join our Port FB group page (link below) if you are not already joined. Post any updates about this community concern and any other community inputs that come along. Whitby waterfront is a growing community of a variety of smaller community areas which interconnect (note to regionally and mayoral candidate, this is in addition to my correspondence to DRPS and resident's concerns on our Port FB page)folks from Whitby Shores have also posted a concern about something re traffic that I think y'all could help with. It looks to be something that can be addressed if they knew whom to get in touch with - I can help them with that, but better from y'all right now:)). Chance to get out there with community issues that are current and hot
September 30, 2014	Davina	DRPS	I have read you email and have forwarded a copy to the Road Watch Department and to our Traffic Management Unit.
October 4, 2014	DRPS	Davina	could we please get an update regarding this request

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May 6, 2016	lay 6, 2016 Suzanne Beale, Tara Davi		A few years is a long time and we have lived with these increasing problems for a long time. If nothing else, we need to slow down the traffic on Watson (blind bend, even the little island hasn't slowed them down) and we need to slow down south Charles. We think that South Charles is caused by the fact that people do not recognize it as a residential street because of the boat yard. We really need to slow people down - surely this can be done without waiting for plans, assessments, etc., etc. We also need a method to discourage the rush hour cut through that is very disruptive to our community (speeding, not obeying stop signs, they even pass us on Watson!!). With all of the public events going on down here now and the increasing population, the waterfront is becoming extremely popular, traffic has increased dramatically and will continue to do so. Perhaps the Town can come up with an interim solution while waiting for the plans that will occur over the next few years.
May 10, 2016	Suzanne Beale, Robe Davina		Closure of South Blair, confusing detours, impact on communityNow that South Blair is almost complete, do we have a plan to re-route the industrial traffic out of the residential community? Also Suzanne, the traffic down here is getting pretty heavy during the weekends now. We also have the problem of cut through from the GO Station during afternoon rush hour and the industrial traffic (industrial may be addressed when South Blair is complete). We really need to slow down the traffic that is cutting through this community, the speeds are often ridiculous. We all want to promote this area as pedestrian friendly - they have done a good job in both Ajax and Pickering with controlling traffic in their waterfront communities. People speed down Brock Street, Charles Street and Watson by the condos (even Water Street in spite of the bend). I fail to understand why they speed in less than a kilometer on Charles from Watson to Front (and of course many don't stop at the stop signs). Perhaps they have the impression that Charles is industrial because of the boat yard - they don't seem to respect the residential. Would it be possible to start to manage this (slower speeds, signage, traffic signal Brock/Watson are some ideas). I'm not sure what happens on Dufferin north of Watson, but there are often complaints on facebook about that area also (so I guess the entire residential Port Whitby community is of concern).
May 13, 2017	Davina Ro	obert Pasiak	we are currently targeting May 27 for the opening of South Blair Street. A few pieces of the puzzle still have to fall into place. I will be sending out a notification to the community and businesses via Canada Post, the same way I did when we started the detour. I should have a better idea as to when that will happen next week – most likely early the week of the opening. It would be great if you could help spread the good news by posting that notice on your Facebook page. We will also reprogram the LED signs that are located along the detour to advise of the opening and run some materials on the municipal website as well.

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June 13, 2017	Council, Suzanne Bea	Davina	I don't know how many years we have been asking for assistance with traffic in Port Whitby. I can go through files and pull out a lot of stuff but I think our effort is best spent moving forward.
			We need your help once and for all to solve the traffic problems down here. If you go to Ajax waterfront and look at the measures that have been put in place there to protect the waterfront residents, that would be a good place to start.
			The more the waterfront has been promoted, the more traffic we get. South Blair has been completed for some time and yet the community is full of transports. The speed and lack of obeyance is downright dangerous and could be controlled if you would just get it done.
			Please can you help our community, the level of frustration is high? Following is the email I sent to DRPS just now to see if we can get some immediate help with the Henry Street problem. But the root problem is that the traffic issues down here are not getting solved before other closures cause additional problems. The Brock closures was also havoc but that havoc occurred in evenings and weekends as opposed to week days - NOBODY I talked to knew of South Blair and the fact they could access the waterfront that way.
			The community doesn't care if it is a Regional Road or a Town Road it should be up to the two levels of government to come together and work this out.

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June 13, 2017	Davina	DRPS, copy all members of council	Re Henry Street: We would appreciate if we could get some assistance with traffic in rush hour in our Port Whitby community, until we get this under control again. Yesterday they closed Henry Street and the same things immediately started happening that happened the last time Henry Street was closed.
			Commuter traffic tries to by-pass the traffic light line-up at Brock Street. They head into Port Whitby which really has nowhere to go other than the lake and they cause havoc.
			They clog Watson Street, they actually pass on the wrong side of the road on Watson Street between Victoria all the way to Brock. They run all stop signs. Watson Street contains heavy pedestrian traffic along the waterfront trail and has 2 blind driveways where a great deal of seniors enter and exit the condos and also cross the road to walk.
			Then they get backed up on Watson Street so they go south on Charles. They are frustrated and angry and screech around the corner through the stop sign and then rev their engine and seem to go up to 100K in the short run from Watson to Front Street along Charles, and we see the same kind of speed from vehicles coming north on Charles. This can be seen on my camera footage from yesterday (speed is an ongoing problem in this entire community without Henry being closed). There is nowhere to go when they get to the bottom so they then race up Brock Street and if Watson west was not under construction they would race along there and often up Dufferin. Note that Watson west will be open shortly so this will begin.
			They drive down Dufferin and find they have nowhere to go and end up u-turning and clogging that residential street. They drive down Brock and do hundreds of u-turns just past the firehall, including into many local driveways.
			I have seen cars stop in the middle of the road to check their phones to find a route, holding up traffic further. The u-turns are happening throughout the community.
			We cannot get out of our community. It can take up to half an hour to get out. If there is an emergency in the community or the marina we will be in trouble.
June 13, 2017	Suzanne Beale	Michael Emm	Good afternoon Suzanne, Could I please ask for your direction in regards to the issue brought forward by Davina to move forward. Please feel free to contact me any time to discuss.
June 13, 2017	Davina	Don Mitchell	Thanks for your email. I know it is a very poor situation down there. I have spoken with the Region about traffic management including easing the lane restriction on Victoria to the west and increasing the signal times to allow residents to get north over Brock Street. The Region hopes to have lower Brock opened within a few days. I have also asked Inspector Morrisette of the DRPS to provide whatever support is available.

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June 15, 2017	Don Mitchell	Davina	if they can't open the road tomorrow the Region needs to fix the signage. We have multiple confusing detours going on at once. One big map at the closure would help (see attached) and if they changed the LED sign at Victoria to say "use South Blair" with an arrow pointing east, that would also help. All it says now is "Brock Street closed at Front due to flooding". I was down at Rowe house for a short time today and two people stopped and asked me how to get to Heydenshore. On the weekend it was hundreds of people - every weekend that it has been closed, it has been the same. I know because I have had to keep checking the house. I have started posting my map all over facebook to try and educate people about South Blair.
September 6, 2017	Suzanne Beales, Do	on Davina	we have had no updates on traffic problems in Port Whitby and at this point our community is extremely frustrated. I personally have not seen traffic measured down here for many years and then only on Brock Street. I know I am not the only one who is has been drawing this matter to the Town's attention for those MANY years. Meetings, emails, newspaper articles, lots of frustration increasingly presented on facebookbut nothing changes, nothing is ever dealt with. Even though the Town of Whitby promotes calming and pedestrian friendly communities AND the waterfront as a destination. We continually read about other areas in Whitby where the traffic is addressed, even communities that never asked for assistance (i.e., Garden Street). Does the Town realize how large this problem has grown in the last 15 years of pushing water uphill with no assistance? Compare Whitby to other waterfront communities and the measures that have been taken. Those communities aren't even as close to 401/commuter hubs. What can be done to deter traffic from traversing through here when they really get nowhere, that's one of the problems? Just a quick google and I found my own newspaper articles about this matter from 2003 (yes, 2003!!!), 2008 and 2010 on up to now where it is presently at an insane point. The town promotes traffic calming but the only thing I have seen done about it, in many years in Port Whitby, is the little island on the blind bend on Watson which was added during the sewer twinning. News flash, that isn't calming anything. As a side note, Watson Street should be designated no parking because they are too lazy to even walk to the parking lots that have been created for them in Victoria Fields. I have photos of all of this as do other residents and they have been posted on our community facebook page and still nothing gets done. Since the first Henry Street closure in 2015, commuter cut through traffic has increased in Port Whitby to the point where people cannot even get out of their driveways in rush hour due

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September 10, 2017	Suzanne Beale, Don I Davina	-	I didn't want to bother everyone in the summer because I know it's hard enough to get through that heavy vacation period. It is good to know that measures are being taken.
			I know that road closures have a huge impact but unfortunately that impact will not entirely go away now that folks have learned the route (and it could be that google also sends them through this route, I'm not sure). We understand that some of the closures have caused problems which will hopefully be alleviated somewhat when construction is complete (see attached pic of Watson). We know that Brock Street Bridge also needs to be re-done so this is going to go on for some time yet. Hopefully adding calming measures within the residential community will solve a lot of issues associated with increased waterfront, residential and industrial traffic and also commuter cut-through traffic. I have watched the cars cut through here when Victoria is moving quite well, so I do think this has become a chosen route for quite a few commuters. Hopefully future improvements along the corridor will help, but properly defining the residential area down here is long overdue also.
			There is plenty of parking in the soccer fields. The problem is that people are lazy. In the attached photo the lots are almost empty and yet the cars are parked on Watson because it is directly beside where they were practising. It only takes one car to start it and the rest follow. Discussing the issue with the sports folks will surely help.
			Signage to move the trucks and industrial traffic is also long overdue and will be a welcome addition as long as it is very prominent. Similar to soccer, it will take some education of the businesses as well.
			I would love to discuss this further. A more educated community as to what measures are being undertaken will also help to alleviate frustration.

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September 8, 2017	Davina	Suzanne Beale	Thank you very much for your comments and please note that providing safe and appropriate mobility operations in the Port is of extreme importance to the Town. Over the last five years or so, the Town has invested millions of dollars for improving roadway, pedestrian, cycling conditions and parking mgmt. in the Port but I certainly appreciate your concerns with increasing traffic volumes over the years in the area. Growth and traffic management in the Port is a matter I can assure you we take very seriously and is being planned and incorporated into the Town's ongoing and future plans.
			I do not disagree with you that the last 6 months has proven to be very difficult and challenging with the Henry St closure and bridge replacement by the Province, construction on Victoria Street, and the closure of Brock/Water St this spring and summer due to flooding concerns. These construction/closures have impacted the Port from a traffic volume perspective including Watson St. and Charles St Albeit the issues have mainly being during peak hour times. Fortunately they will not be long term impacts.
			The opening of the ramps at Lakeridge Road to Hwy 401 has assisted matters and once the Victoria St widening to 4 lanes is completed next year along with the Town's new/improved cycling route between Ajex and Oshawa, it should provide tremendous relief to the Victoria/Brock St corridor. Change requirements are also being identified to the bridge on Brock Street over the harbour to improve drainage flows and pedestrian/cycling access which will help in the longer term
			In regards to traffic volumes, please note that we will be doing traffic counts including truck counts in the Port area including Watson, Charles, South Blair and Water St this Fall. We will also be placing Truck Route Signs on South Blair.
			We have also been in contact with the sports groups regarding illegal parking on Watson st While we do not want to pave over paradise in the park, I appreciate the issue of illegal on-street parking and lots being at capacity and I can assure you we are further reviewing this matter from a parks mgmt. perspective.
			There are other actions we are planning to undertake to manage traffic operations in the Port in the future and I
September 12, 2017	Davina	Suzanne Beale	really appreciate the information and feedback. Myself and sraff are also meeting and discussing with the region and province over the next few months various road projects in and near the Port and I will look at some time for us to discuss this with you further.
March 5, 2018	Suzanne Beales,	Mic Davina	Could you kindly ensure that during discussions relating to the MTO/Brock Street bridge replacement that our traffic concerns are also listed and addressed. We need to discourage the cut-through traffic in the residential community that we have experienced during the last couple of major construction projects. We know what will happen if it isn't addressed and that is avoidable if handled properly.
March 5, 2018	Davina	Suzanne Beale	Will do

TO Suzanne Beale, Don	FROM	SUMMARY
Suzanne Beale, Don		JOHNHAN
	Davina	today I was out the front gardening and watching a lot of traffic whizzing along the Charles and Watson freeways and as usual ignoring stop signs. More than 15 years have gone by since I have asked the Town to solve this issue (and followed up yearly). I have also asked that the truck traffic be routed to South Blair but they continue to cut through the residential community. During those years, pedestrian and vehicle traffic has exploded down here and will continue to do so. Many other areas of the Town have been addressed but not Port Whitby, in spite of the growth. At this time, I would appreciate receiving a timeline as to when traffic calming will take place on Watson and Charles and truck traffic is re-routed to South Blair.
Suzanne Beale, Don	Davina	Was crazy again this weekend (the weather was great, the waterfront completely packed). It seems to just keep escalating now. Would appreciate an update
Davina	Suzanne Beale	We will be looking this year at the area speed limits, particularly those along Watson and Gordon adjacent to Victoria Park. We will be bringing this forward to the next Council. We are also in the process of discussing ownership of Brock St with the Region which will enable us to look at further improvements/modifications at the Watson/Brock St intersection and review truck movement opportunities as well. We are also planning to install sidewalks on Charles as the development proceeds on the street. There are a number of transit supportive initiatives that are also being reviewed and assessed for this area which should assist as further development proceeds. We will also ask the DRPS to perform enforcement during peak daytime travel periods to catch those that are travelling too fast or not properly stopping at stops signs
Suzanne Beale, Don	Davina	this would be a good beginning, the community will be happy to hear about some progress. However, it does nothing to address the problems on south Charles. I was on the condo rooftop with a bunch of people during rush hour on Friday and we were trying to figure out why people go so fast on a short stretch of road. We note that there are absolutely no signs at all. The road is fairly wide and nicely paved. There are no road markings or traffic calming measures. The marina buildings look industrial. There are absolutely no deterrents - it should be designated as a community safety zone, have signs to show children at play, speed limit of 40km, bump outs to reduce the perceived width (Ajax has achieved a lot of that with paint!)! I had the same discussion over the weekend with neighbours on the ground. We have no sidewalks on the east side and we are all very diligent about watching the children play on the driveways because it is so unsafe (there have been some scary moments). The traffic has exploded due to increase in growth and the fact that Charles has now become a fairly main route to/from the waterfront/industrial/GO since other road closures took place. This happens throughout the day during the week but particularly in rush hours and all the time on the weekends - especially in the summer. When can we expect to actually realize improvements and why isn't Charles Street south included? Thank you again for the update, it is very much appreciatedit's been a long road (pun intended)
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June 26, 2018	Suzanne Beale, Don	Davina	watching the Charles Freeway again todaydo we have an update for Charles? Interestingly Town of Whitby vehicles and Durham Region vehicles all speed up and down Charles (including a building inspector today).
			Cannot the Town at least put back the signage that we did we had prior to the sewer twinning project? Four years ago signs and trees were removed and NOTHING has been replaced, on top of widening/paving the road, which seems to encourage a lot more bad behaviour! Also, the street needs some lines painted on it and limits reduced down to at least 40km (30km as in Toronto would be better here). This should also be designated a community safety zone.
September 19, 2019	Clerk, JoAnne Drumr	r Davina	I note that another development within our community is about to be approved on September 23rd (File Numbers SW-2018-03, Z-17-18). We have been asking for help with traffic concerns for years in our residential community, I have stacks of correspondence and yet nothing is ever done. Our traffic issues have exploded due to: - population growth in South Whitby
			- visitor growth (especially with the advent of so many major events here now)
			- cut through traffic whenever there are problems on Highway 401 or Victoria Street
			- cut through traffic to the waterfront
			- GO Station cut through traffic
			- cut through traffic to the industrial area, including large trucks
			- excessive speeding through residential (even passing on residential streets and including running stop signs)
			Other communities are now managing their waterfront residential traffic issues efficiently, we are not. When will you finally help the residents of Port Whitby with this ever growing problem?

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September 24, 2019	Davina	JoAnne Drumm	I just wanted to follow up with you on last night's meeting. The Council chambers were packed - standing room only, so I'm not sure if you were in attendance. I did speak to the proposed development - against it! I reminded my fellow Councillors and Mayor Mitchell to look at our gem Port Whitby as a special place. Just like our 2 downtowns.
			I did not support the application. And although the Mayor, Councillors Roy and Leahy had great empathy for the points I made, it still went through. I was the only one to vote against it.
			I reminded the Council of the 2 Brookfield Homes developments and the proposed development at the corner of Victoria and Brock Street South. Stating that I do not support those either. (Actually they were inherited - which as you know does happen)
			We have to ask ourselves how many more applications will be received for the Port? Ask ourselves about the already congested traffic, speeding, pedestrian safety, road widening and all the problems developments can sometimes bring.
			In my opinion adding more housing to the Port which is already sanctioned will increase these issues dramatically. Not to mention the effect on our green space. I believe THIS Council should know what other applications
			we have for this area before we make any more decisions. The area between Watson to Dufferin will wind up having the most density in Whitby.
			Port Whitby is a gem and part of revitalization also includes creating and enhancing our waterfront. We have an opportunity here moving forward to use common sense and make wise choices. So there you have it Davina.
			On another note the proposed development at the corner of Brock Street and Consumers was denied unanimously. There will still be a battle ahead should the developers decide to take it to LPAT. But wouldn't it be great if the developers take the initiative [and have the heart] to really work with the community?

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May 18, 2020	Clerk, Don Mitchell, J Davina		we just went through another weekend of extreme traffic. We have been asking the Town to help calm the traffic in the Port Whitby residential community for many years now, especially Watson Street and Charles Street. The traffic issues have exploded due to intensification/population increases and awareness created by hosting many waterfront events and activities (which attracts people from outside of Whitby). The community traffic problems are exacerbated when there are problems on Victoria Street, Highway 401, Henry Street, Brock Street and Thickson Road, plus the increasing volume of GO train riders who arrive and depart in cars.
			I have no idea why Watson and Charles are the chosen routes to the waterfront. It could be due to maps and GPS that send the traffic along the waterfront trail route, while South Blair is generally empty outside of business hours (and even then, it's not very busy).
			During the pandemic, there have been literally thousands of vehicles through here. I was out front gardening on Saturday and in a period of 3 hours there were hundreds of cars. In addition to excessive volume, there are concerns with disobeying the few signs we do have, speeding, stunt drivingsports cars, motorcycles, dirt bikes – basically showing off, revving engines through the neighbourhood at all hours. Saturday was unbelievable because some pandemic restrictions were lifted and it would appear that some folks think the pandemic is over.
			Along with the traffic, there were masses of pedestrians and cyclists on the trail and spilling onto the streets to try and distance. Many of the drivers didn't seem to care at all about the pedestrians who were on the road. We also observed large groups of people/youths not practising social distancing and obviously not from the same household. I saw some people set up lawn chairs on the Rowe land and fishing on the bridge and behind the Sea Cadets building. I did not see any enforcement, but other residents indicated that they saw 2 officers in enforcement vehicles parked at Heydenshore. I have already advised that enforcement needs to happen throughout the area (at least around Windsor Bay).
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May 18, 2019	Council	Davina	we just went through another weekend of extreme traffic. We have been asking the Town to help calm the traffic in the Port Whitby residential community for many years now, especially Watson Street and Charles Street. The traffic issues have exploded due to intensification/population increases and awareness created by hosting many waterfront events and activities (which attracts people from outside of Whitby). The community traffic problems are exacerbated when there are problems on Victoria Street, Highway 401, Henry Street, Brock Street and Thickson Road, plus the increasing volume of GO train riders who arrive and depart in cars.
			I have no idea why Watson and Charles are the chosen routes to the waterfront. It could be due to maps and GPS that send the traffic along the waterfront trail route, while South Blair is generally empty outside of business hours (and even then, it's not very busy).
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May 18, 2019	Don Mitchell	Davina	I have copied Commissioner Beale whose team will be leading the traffic calming pilots. The main new device will be speed humps which you see in Toronto quite a bit. Apart from a couple on Whitburn, we have not really tried speed humps. And the ones on Whitburn are different from the rolling kind you see in the city (and which I prefer). At a slow speed, they are comfortable. At a high speed, they certainly are not.
May 19, 2020	Davina	JoAnne Drumm	Like the Mayor, I have also forwarded the concerns expressed in your email to Commissioner Beale. In my opinion perhaps speed bumps would be a good suggestion for consideration.
May 19, 2020	JoAnne Drumm	Davina	I hope there will be action. I have stacks of emails between Suzanne and myself, but nothing came of it and I'm not going to go back and waste lots of time and effort to harp on that. Now we have a BIG problem and we need to spend the effort to move this forward
May 19, 2020	Davina	Don Mitchell	Lynde Shores and Heber Down open tomorrow. More places for people to go for a walk.
May 21, 2020	Don Mitchell, Clerk	k, J Davina	it's been a racetrack all week, busier in the evenings. Will we have some sort of temporary measure in place on Watson and Charles before the weekend?

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May 29, 2020	Don Mitchell, Clerk,	JoAnne Drumm, Suzanne E	that would be a great idealooking at the forecast, this will only get crazier this week - people are still limited as to where they can go so they come here in ever increasing numbers. Many from outside of Whitby. When I go to Ajax hospital, I go down Salem and along Clements and they use seasonal speed bumps (but those are rather cumbersome - does allow for emergency vehicles). But I really think that we have to play catch up right away. It was a big problem even before the pandemic.
May 20, 2020	Don Mitchell	Davina	Can only hope, but I doubt it. The waterfront traffic has increased year over year when everywhere is open. This is waterfront weather and a good amount of the folks coming for the last few years aren't local. I'm pretty sure that the non local traffic has increased further during the Pandemic
May 21, 2020	Don Mitchell, Clerk,	J Davina	Hi Don, it's been a racetrack all week, busier in the evenings. Will we have some sort of temporary measure in place on Watson and Charles before the weekend?
May 22, 2020	Davina	Suzanne Beale	We will be undertaking speed and volume counts in the next couple of weeks throughout Port Whitby, including along Charles Street and Watson Street to see exactly the level of speeds and volumes that is occurring. We can certainly share these results with yourself once they are compiled. I recognize that the situation with Covid has greatly impacted the community which has increased pedestrian activity and with the recent changes in provincial regulations has seen more activity in our parks than has occurred in recent months. While we are not able to do temporary measures for this weekend, we are currently reviewing options to increase space for many places in the Town which have higher summer pedestrian activity and needs and will action as soon as we possibly can.
			The Town is also embarking on an autonomous pilot project in the Port area, and the route will include Watson Street. The timing for this was suppose to be the summer but has now been delayed to the fall because of the pandemic. With this trial, the vehicle will be travelling quite slowly, so will be a natural traffic calming effect, and we are also looking at other measures in the area to install along the route and adjacent streets to complement the trail - such as reduced posted speeds and traffic calming measures such as humps on side streets. Note we are not able to install humps on the test pilot route as the vehicle requires a clear road surface.

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May 22, 2020	Suzanne Beale, Don i Davina		This is good news, thanks Suzanne. The traffic down here has been increasing year over year. It really went crazy after we started hosting events in Victoria Fields and on the Brookfield land. Also, other communities had prohibited certain behaviors that Whitby was still allowing. During COVID19, GTHA has been actively enforcing (they have lots of officers) and that may also be contributing to the increase here right now, along with Whitby's own population increases. I understand that there is a lot going on and if we can get some temporary measures at some point to fill the gap, that would be awesome.
			I would also like to see Charles Street south of Watson treated the same as Watson. It is that route that seems to be the worst. I think it is because it follows the waterfront trail. We sometimes even park cars at the bottom of the driveways for children to play on the driveways. I know that speeding is going on all over town, but I think we are losing sight of the fact that Port Whitby is and always was a residential area "connected" to the desirable waterfront destination. It just wasn't very busy years ago. so it used to be manageable.
			Although the community discusses their frustration on our facebook page, I am not broadcasting our correspondence on this, as it may generate more emails and I know that I fill up your mailboxes enough! We'll wait to broadcast just the good news when we can.
June 4, 2020	Suzanne Beale Davina		I noticed that the counters have been removed. I guess they stay for just a week? Did you manage to get stats? It's already crazy again today as it's quite hotwe had some rainy days inbetween, I think it was still busy tho. The hot days tell the real tale
June 6, 2020	Suzanne Beale, JoAni Davina		The traffic is crazy and it started early today. I cannot imagine how bad it will be this weekend. We need something to slow the endless streams of speeding vehicles. It's too bad it rained the week while we had the counters but I think it was still busy and fast enough to get a picture. We barely come out to our front yards because it is so bad on lower Charles (which confines us further as we used to enjoy sitting out front and chatting).
July 6, 2020	Suzanne Beale Davina		I'm sure you heard that some drunk took out a hydro pole in the wee hours of Sunday morning at the bend on Watson, big bang and then my bedroom lit up with a big flashhydro out for hours while pole being replacedlikely coming from partying at the lake. It takes speed to knock a pole down like that. I can hear the revving at night when I am in bed and I can see and hear them all day long. Do we have any status as to the calming of Watson and Charles?

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July 15, 2020	Council	Davina	Hi Councilors, will we have relief on our streets in Port Whitby before this weekend? This is so unfair honestly. The traffic right now and most days, evenings, even nights is ridiculous and dangerous. You have had years to address this. Months to address it since lockdown (and you started off so well!). We pay high taxes but can't even go near the waterfront or even around our community, especially on the hotter days, because the Town has elected to give that to non paying day trippers with very poor controls. Other locations have instituted permits for residents and day charges for visitorseven provincial parks aren't free. They have also either closed ther waterfronts to protect/prioritize residents or drastically reduced parking, with heavy enforcement and fines to reduce crowds. We are getting their cast offs, crowds here just keep increasing, all the way to Front Street! Until a month ago, I went at least as far as Front Streetnow it just makes me even more frustrated, so I don't bother. I have not been past Front Street or toward Gordon Street since March. At least let us enjoy our properties for the summer that is left. There is really no excuse for ignoring Port Whitby's residents. Can someone provide me with information regarding a tax rebate and what situations could be considered for that. I feel trapped on my property and I cannot even enjoy being out frontso partial property. Yet I am in one of the highest taxed municipalities and I have paid Whitby over \$90K in after tax dollars for yet another tax. It's not fair!
July 18, 2020	Council, Suzann	e Bea Davina	As I sit in my backyard and listen to the traffic racing up and down Charles, Watson, even Brock, it made me think about the Town's recent promotion of the waterfront on Facebook. So I took another look. Even on there, not a single word about "please be mindful of the residential community and slow down". Nothing, nada. Obviouisly nothing was achieved in the past week. Will we have calming measures in place next week?
July 18, 2020	Davina	Steve Yamada (Deputy)	I'll reach out to staff this week.
July 21, 2020	Davina, JoAnne	Drum Suzanne Beale	I'm working on getting the traffic and speed numbers summarized and field observations and should have something to share with you very shortly.
July 22, 2020	Suzanne Beale, .	JoAnı Davina	I don't know why people are driving this way, it has been a horrible summer here. Hopefully you can implement a plan that will stop this craziness.

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July 24, 2020	Davina, Don Mitchell S	Suzanne Beale	We have the results from our 7 day traffic data survey and the following is noted for Charles Street between Watson Street and Front Street
			- Avg daily volume 503 vehicles
			- Avg weekday volume 480 vehicles (northbound 198, southbound 282)
			- Avg weekend volume 559 vehicles (northbound 205, southbound 354)
			- Avg weekday speed 39 km/h
			- Avg weekend speed 36 km/h
			The most interesting point that we observed was the significant difference in southbound traffic to northbound traffic.
			- During the weekday the southbound traffic was 42% greater than northbound
			- During the weekend the southbound traffic was 73% greater than the northbound
			I note the below as supplemental info for comparison purposes,
			- Avg daily volume on Watson Street between Victoria and Charles is 1388 vehicles,
			- Avg daily volume on Water Street west of Durham Water Treatment plan 1835 vehicles
			- Avg daily volume on South Blair Street south of Watson 3410 vehicles
			Based on our observations and supported by the data, there appears to be a few things going on:
			- an issue with Wayfinding to the Waterfront - e.g. motorists see the sign for the Port Whitby Marina and
			naturally assume it is the way to the waterfront and then when they realize it is not, they proceed east and it is
			assumed they then believe going south on Charles will get them to the waterfront. The opposite does not occur as
			frequently as when people leave the waterfront, they are correcting their route and more so using Brock Street
			some not realizing the marina remains closed to the public

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July 27, 2020	Suzanne Beales, Don Davina	thank you very much for initiating the traffic data study and providing this information. I do have some concerns:
		As mentioned in my email of June 7, 2020, I am concerned about the period that the study was undertaken,
		because that was the worse weather week we have had. I have reviewed the weather from that period and until
		now and provided the information in an attachment for your convenience.
		Also, further skewing the numbers is that there was very little industrial traffic during that time period as well as
		over-flow traffic from Henry Street, Victoria Street, Brock Street, 401 and the GO Station as the businesses and schools were closed.
		It was interesting to read about the traffic patterns. I have been mentioning the lack of signage for the waterfront
		for years and particularly from 2017-2019 when we had the extreme high water levels. It is not just a lack of
		directional signage, it is also a lack of any speed signs. We have seen consistent traffic flows directly toward the
		waterfront. Some get lost on Front Street and have to turn around, but the majority were going to the waterfront,
		not the marina (it was closed). However, I can understand people assuming that the marina is the way to the waterfront.
		Regarding the speeds noted, I appreciate that this is what was gathered during the time the study was undertaken.
		However, it is not representative as to what we have been experiencing, especially during peak summer periods
		and rush hour periods. Again it is likely skewed because we were locked down and the weather was wet and colder.
		On behalf of our community, we do appreciate that you have taken the time to review this matter. However, I still
		believe that we need traffic calming within the RESIDENTIAL community is a must! Other waterfronts have this in
		place. When you create and promote an attraction beside a residential community it's going to cause more and
		more problems unless addressed. We should also be looking at the higher speeds vs average speeds because again,
		this is a RESIDENTIAL community adjacent to a growing attraction.
		I believe we need speed signs and calming in the residential community. I hope you will take this into consideration
July 27, 2020	Davina, Suzanne Bea JoAnne Drumm	Thanks Davina. Much appreciated.
, ,	,	Sincere thanks to you Suzanne.

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July 28, 2020	JoAnne Drumm, Don Davina		I appreciate your response. However, this is just not acceptable. More urgent attention to this matter has to happen and quickly. I have watched the traffic go from a trickle to an ever increasing nightmare for residents ever since the Town began promoting events down here. In addition, population has increased dramatically and the location of our community opens us up to the bleed through from traffic on major arteries and the GO station, especially during accidents and construction on those roads.
			The next problem looming is the autonomous bus pilot. Without calming that is going to create another very dangerous situation. It is inevitable that a slow moving vehicle, blocking the path of anxious drivers, causing them to scatter further and dangerously pass on the wrong sides of the streets will be a nightmare. Especially when we haven't controlled the speeding and frustration that drivers are already demonstrating.
			It was inevitable and desirable to achieve an active public waterfront and this is happening in spades now. Yet the lack of infrastructure, enforcement and maintenance has failed. I have been pushing water uphill for years and Whitby still doesn't comprehend what is happening to this RESIDENTIAL community.
			Our residential community is the oldest community in Whitby and except for the increase in public events and use of public waterfront, our needs (not wants, needs) are not being addressed. We pay the ever increasing taxes, many visitors and drivers do not and yet they have free reign and we have the fallout. It's not fair, or sustainable.
			I was reviewing the role of council and I note Whitby's own pledge:
			"To represent the public and to consider the well-being and interests of the municipality"
			I do not wish to be confrontational, I always try to work together, but this is not acceptable. We need your help and support, we need this solved.
			I shouldn't have to go to the next level and produce petitions and engage media, but I will if this situation does not get solved. I have enough correspondence going back years to fill a binder and I will get action.
July 28, 2020	Davina JoAnne	Drumm	In paragraph 3 you make references to lack of infrastructure, failed enforcement and maintenance. Please provide your specific details on these three major concerns which I will discuss with staff as we continue to move forward.

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July 29, 2020	JoAnne Drumm, Don Davina	I am sad that my frustration is now showing, I keep trying to work together on issues and not throw anyone under a bus. However, I find the constant placating and inaction, while the problems keep growing, is becoming extremely frustrating. I express my observations and concerns because I am passionate about Port Whitby and ensuring that it is developed responsibly, not only for the enjoyment of existing residents, for climate, nature and future generations as well. I am aging, I will not even be here, I could simply not bother and move on, but I try to finish what I start.
		The lack of infrastructure refers to the growth of development and population levels and the impact of that on existing communities (I focus on Port Whitby). This is compounded by dramatic increases in visitors to the waterfront from within and outside of the municipality. Traffic is insane at times (more and more often) and I have tried over and over to get this addressed. I have attempted to explain that Port Whitby is in a unique situation with several conditions affecting us. This includes impacts from (as mentioned previously):
		- the location of our community surrounded by the waterfront to the south, the Marina and Victoria Field to the west, Industrial to the east and Victoria Street to the north
		- ongoing residential development within the area
		- increased population levels within and outside of the municipality
		- bleed through from the GO Station
		- bleed through caused by traffic issues on Henry Street, Victoria Street, Brock Street and Highway 401
		- traffic to and from the industrial area
		- traffic to and from the waterfront
		- promotion of events at the waterfront
July 31, 2020	Council, Suzanne Bea Davina	I have decided to include all members of council in this correspondence. As we begin another long weekend with no support or action, we are all becoming more anxious. Residents of south Whitby know exactly how this weekend will turn outthis is so unfair!
		Please solve our traffic issues and restrict the beaches to residents of the municipality before the last long weekend. Your excuse for the beaches is "people are cooped up". What you have done, contrary to your council pledge, is cause your own residents, especially South Whitby, to be even more cooped up. You have continually ignored our pleas.
		Shame on you!
July 31, 2020	Davina Steve Yam	ada (Deputy) I've asked for DRPS to send some patrols this weekend.

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August 2, 2020	Davina	Maleeha Shahid	Hoping your long weekend is moving well. I have received all your emails and I totally agree with your concerns.
			You will always have my support for community safety and well-being. As you know this needs to be spear headed
			by your ward councillor and regional councillors having said that you will always find my support to push town of
			Whitby and staff to get thing moving and put community safety their utmost priority.
			Thank you for always keeping me in the loop.
August 4, 2020	Maleeha Shahid	Davina	I hate it that my frustration is showing. But I do feel very let down by the Town Of Whitby. The impact of COVID on
			this community has been large and the traffic problem has been increasingand frustrating for years. I don't think
			that Staff is stepping up to this. Without even documenting it, just common sense should tell them that creating a
			busy growing attraction is going to affect the community that is attached to it.
			On the selfish side, I lost half of 2018 due to a broken ankle in July of that year. I lost 2019 due to the long time it
			took to recover from my ankle and just as that was at a point where I could go out and walk, I broke my back in
			April 2019 (osteoporosis finally diagnosed last November). I am still working through back issues and my therapy
			calls for walking, which is important for my ankle as well. I managed to do some walking in March when the
			weather was ok. But as covidiots took over our neighbourhood, that became less and less to the point where I don't
			even go out the front of my house except to maintain my property and go out in the car. I mostly stay in my house
			and backyard, because I get so angry when I keep seeing all of this. This of course causes depression to rear it's ugly
			head. The fact that I have been unable to get support from the Town just compounds all of this. I feel completely
			let down and I know I'm not the only one. I understand that COVID presented some sudden challenges for the Town
			and decisions had to be made on the fly, but the traffic problems could have been solved years back. The
			beach/park problems just kept escalating and yet they stay open, with poor enforcement and are crowded with
			people from outside of the municipality.
			One resident who tried to appeal to the Town was told "people are cooped up". I wonder who the people are that
			the town was concerned about being cooped up.
September 9, 2020	Don Mitchell	Davina	Thank you very much for the voice mail update. I would still like to meet with you and staff briefly, in order to
			understand staff's rationale and in turn explain the impact that this is having.
			The problem has been steadily increasing for years, without the additional impact of COVID. I would like to work
			together to understand and also find a possible solution.
			Looking forward to having that chat.
September 16, 2020	Don Mitchell	Davina	do we have an update as to when this meeting can take place?
September 23, 2020	Davina	Don Mitchell	Give me some times when you think the traffic would be at its worst and I will get that in my calendar.

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September 23, 2020	Don Mitchell	Davina	thank you for responding so quickly. I cannot give you the times, it is intermittent depending upon weather
			conditions, rush hour conditions, lunch hours and surrounding traffic conditions over 24/7. It's almost October. This
			is the problem: the counts were taken for one week only in May on a rainy, cooler week when we were in COVID
			Stage 1. If the counts were taken for about a month in June-July-August when the weather was hot and more of the
			surrounding road traffic was occurring, those counts would have been through the roof. They would, however, still
			not reflect a non-COVID environment due to less transit, closed schools and businesses. When there were
			hundreds, thousands of people at the waterfront, they got there by mostly cutting through our residential streets. I
			have also watched steady streams come down Henry Street to Watson, to Charles, to Front as well and that tells
			me that the municipal residents also prefer that route.
			With a huge amount of additional people using the trail and streets (for distancing) it is even more dangerous.
			This didn't just start this year, it began at about the same time as Ribfest started, which generated more visitors to
			the area. Once people learn a route, they generally keep following it, so the suggestion that this will clear up after
			COVID is likely not going to happen (and again, it started long before that). Eventually surrounding road traffic will
			again increase to full capacity.
			I happened to notice that speed bumps are being installed on Robert Attersley Drive east of Brock Street today. It
			was approved in April because of complaints from residents! That street hasn't even existed for as long as we have
			been asking for assistance and doesn't have the compounding problems which we have been expressing for years
			and yet they got action. Plus they got additional stop controls on Promenade Drive! I would also be interested in
			understanding the rationale for that area, so that I can relate it to our area.
			I requested the meeting to try and work together. I need to understand the Town's rationale in not managing this
			problem, maybe there's a good reason, I just don't know what it is. I feel like the Town thinks I'm just making this
			up, when it is a real problem that mimics what has happened in all waterfront communities as they become
			destinations. The only assistance we have ever had, other than the one week in May counts this year, was when
			Tony Prevedel walked the streets with us (a very long time ago) and added the 4-way stop at Watson and Charles.
October 25, 2020	Don Mitchell	Davina	I'm assuming that, having received no reply for a month, that there will be no meeting. That's ok, I just need to
			understand what rationale the Town used to come to this decision. In your voice mail, you mentioned that Suzanne
			Beale and JoAnne Drumm have spent considerable time here and do not see a problem.
			Could I please get a copy of their logs as to what days and times they were on Charles/Watson to gather this
			information? I don't need the counts that were commissioned by staff at the end of Stage1 in May, as I already
			have those. The logs will help me to correlate the data. Any further information that the town can provide me to
			understand their position will also be very helpful.
			A response by eob on Friday October 30th will be greatly appreciated.

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October 25, 2020	Davina, JoAnne Drum Don Mitchell	I have shared your request with them. I would not think Joanne would have a log Doubt that Suzanne does. It was more that they visited multiple times when it worked for them. I have asked when the current trial on speed bumps ends and we get a staff report. Then we will have some sense of effectiveness and cost so we can decide how widely to deploy them.
December 4, 2020	Don Mitchell, Suzann Davina	in an effort to help The Town Of Whitby with traffic analysis I did some digging around. I figured there must be some GEO type products available to do that in this day and age. I found a company called Streetlight Data and I contacted them for additional information. I said that I am a resident interested in helping my municipality to streamline their transportation planning. Their representative Kaleb contacted me and sent me a link to his webinar (see below). It is about 30 minutes long
		(It appears to be longer, but it only runs for 30 minutes). With this offering, you will be able to generate reports regarding many stats related to transportation planning. You can even go back historically. You can pull the correct historical and ongoing data which will confirm what I have been saying about Port Whitby. More importantly, you will have the tools to perform the overall function more accurately.
		Interestingly, the City Of Toronto subscribes to this service, so you may have heard of it. Please review the webinar. You can use my information to access it as follows:
		NAME: Davina Jones
		EMAIL:
		I'm sure they would pull a historical report on Port Whitby (spring/summer/fall months) without cost to demonstrate what their product can do.
		Whether you have already analyzed the product or are reviewing their webinar, I look forward to hearing your thoughts on this type of product. I surely don't want to go through another summer like we did last year. It won't improve much after COVID ends, because the word is out now. This is not a bad thing, but you do need to ensure that the impact on the adjacent residential community is mitigated.
March 14, 2021	Don Mitchell Davina	Hi Don, I hope you and your family are keeping well. I have been reviewing the correspondence regarding traffic (at least back to 2014). It's already busy again now and every day that the sun comes out. One thing we need to agree on is that Port Whitby has become THE busiest area, for the most hours in a day, in Whitby. We don't need traffic analysis to prove that, all we need to do is look at the volume of people at the waterfront. Ongoing traffic increases have been exacerbated by COVID and I do believe that our community is bearing the worst brunt of COVID secondary impacts in Whitby. As we move forward and folks are vaccinated, the volume of people visiting the waterfront will not change much as it has become a destination. If we do need accurate traffic data, I have recommended that the Town speak to Streetlight Data. That being said, will we have measures in place to help us this spring?

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March 16, 2020	Davina	Don Mitchell	Thanks Davina.
			Our "speed hump" trial is nearing its end and a report on results will be coming. Council has also directed staff to implement permanent asphalt speed humps - based on the Toronto designs - in our new neighbourhoods. They will report back on appropriate locations and other traffic calming devices used in Toronto.
			This should substantially increase our toolkit and better our understanding of what is most effective. We can then use that to better address concerns on existing streets like yours.
May 3, 2021	Davina	Clerk, Don Mitchell	Hi Folks, will we be getting a solution to our traffic problems soon? You would not know that we are in lockdown in Port Whitby! There are streams of traffic all the time (and the usual lack of respect for this residential area). After years of increasing traffic, Port Whitby is now THE busiest area in the entire Town and we need to re-direct and calm down the traffic that is traversing the residential community. This situation existed prior to COVID, but now it is truly astonishing. Traffic streams down Henry/Watson, Charles and Brock Street from early in the morning until well in the evening (and of course back in the opposite direction). It is often difficult turning left on Victoria due to the amount of traffic coming into the community. The industrial bleed through has also not been solved. It will be an absolute nightmare if you go forward with the Autonomous Bus trial without solving the existing problem, as drivers will scatter further within the community trying to avoid waiting behind the extremely slow moving bus. I am attaching my tracking of related correspondence which goes back to 2014. I am also including an excerpt below from the Town Of Whitby transportation Master Plan which dates back ELEVEN years. Council is aware of the residents concerns, which are often discussed on our community Facebook page. Could I please get an update as to when we can get some relief. Thank you. Davina Jones
			5-1705 Charles Street, Port Whitby, 905-665-8311
			Excerpt From Town Of Whitby transportation Master Plan:
			Sub-Area 1 – Lakeshore Whitby
			Existing Characteristics and Constraints
			1. There are significant recreational, cultural, tourist, and travel features and destinations within the area and trips

DATE	то	FROM	OWN OF WHITBY REGARDING PORT WHITBY TRAFFIC (NOT A COMPLETE LIST) SUMMARY
June 6, 2022	Davina	Peter Angelo	I am writing regarding the ongoing traffic problems in Port Whitby. It is absolutely crazy now. I call us Mini Wasaga as it seems everyone wants to be down here breaking rules, showing off, speeding, ignoring the few signs we do have. It is very dangerous, especially on Watson Street west and Charles Street south.
			Just one example is a Durham Region white pick-up truck just blew the 4-way stop sign and went down Charles doing at least 70-80km. My neighbours have seen many Town of Whitby and Durham Region vehicles speeding up and down Charles. Then of course are the streams of continual traffic.
			Traffic is busy all of the time, day and night, especially bad on nice weather days when everyone heads to the waterfront. We get every kind of show offs with noisy mufflers revving engines, squealing tires, going at fairly high speed. Also dirt bikes and motorcycles. None of us can enjoy our front yards and the noise is ongoing, not obeying any rules.
			Our community desperately needs traffic calming. We need the speeds reduced, posted and enforced. We need the signage that warns of higher fines in the community.
			This is not a new concern, I have been raising the alarm about traffic back to 2014 (attached is a summary of correspondence). Traffic increased once the events started and exploded during COVID. I gave up trying to get help with this and recently started discussions with Councillor Rhonda Mulcahy (I know you have had discussions with Rhondathank you). For convenience, I have attached the powerpoint document that Rhonda has already passed on to you.
			Anther problem we have is with the parking on Watson during soccer/cricket in Victoria Field. The cars are parked on the west side from Victoria all the way down, blocking the ingress and egress of traffic from/to Watson from/to Victoria. These are the community comments on our Facebook page yesterday, I'm sure that many more comment will be added to this thread:
			Loretta Gilbert

	CORRESPONDENCE WITH TOWN OF WHITBY REGARDING PORT WHITBY TRAFFIC (NOT A COMPLETE LIST)			
DATE	то	FROM	SUMMARY	
June 30, 2022	Clerk	Davina	(Correspondence of June 6, 2022 not responded to, not even acknowledged): Hi Folks, I am writing on behalf of residents in Port Whitby. We are the community directly adjacent to the waterfront. We desperately need traffic calming. We have been asking The Town Of Whitby for help with this since at least 2014 (correspondence log attached). We are including the region in this correspondence because Brock Street is a regional road.	
			Charles Street and Watson Street are particularly bad. All types of vehicles use this route to get to and from the waterfront (trucks, cars [some with extremely noisy mufflers], motorcycles [also some with extremely noisy mufflers], noisy dirt bikes, etc. Most of the time signage is not obeyed and speeding is crazy. We believe that south Charles is particularly vulnerable due to the perception of being wide, because of the adjacent waterfront trail. The Region removed any trees we did have along the waterfront trail in 2014 and both levels of government have failed to replace them - this gives the illusion of a wide space. Also the marina is one the west side and that looks a bit industrial. Folks living on the east side are no longer able to enjoy the front of their properties due to noise and extreme speeds (yes, in that short of a distance!).	
			The traffic is day and night, 7 days a week, sometimes even steady streams of cars heading to and from the waterfront. It is much more difficult turning west onto Victoria from Henry now as so much traffic streams down Henry Street toward the waterfront along with traffic that comes from the west and turns south onto Watson. This problem is compounded by the addition of traffic from the industrial area and also whenever there is an accident on Victoria, Henry, Brock or the 401. It will become even worse very soon as new developments within the community are populated.	
			Attached is a powerpoint that details the problem areas. Please can we have some traffic calming in our community as soon as possible. We also suggest that you correct the routing that is presented to the public via GPS maps.	
1			Your help is greatly appreciated.	

CORRESPONDENCE WITH TOWN OF WHITBY REGARDING PORT WHITBY TRAFFIC (NOT A COMPLETE LIST)			
DATE	ТО	FROM	SUMMARY
	Davina	Tara Painchaud	Good afternoon Davina Jones,
			As you may be aware, the Town recently installed speed humps were on eight streets. This was a new initiative for the Town. The roads with speed humps are identified below:
			Robert Attersley Drive (between Baldwin Street and Garden Street);
			Montgomery Avenue (between Vipond Road and Columbus Road);
			• Whitburn Street;
			Willowbrook Drive;
			Bradley Drive (between Martinet Street and Pringle Drive);
			• Reynolds Street;
			William Davidson Street; and
			Darren Avenue.
			The speed humps will now be evaluated to determine their effectiveness at reducing vehicle travel speeds, as well as any impacts they may have on the surrounding road network. The sinusoidal design, which is used in Toronto, allows for motorists to travel at a slower speed along the corridor and does not require a vehicle to come to an
July 7, 2022	Tara Painchaud	Davina	(no response to previous correspondence): Hi Tara, thank you very much for your prompt and informative response. Mayor Mitchell mentioned the speed humps back in 2020 when we were first overcome with "COVID crowds". He mentioned there was a pilot project back then that you were waiting for results of. It is my understanding that that pilot was successful and more streets would be added. I note that it did roll out to additional streets.
			Do we have a timeline for when Port Whitby will begin to receive traffic calming?
Very quick	Wenda	Rollauer DRPS	timely verbal response via phone

	CORRESPONDENCE WITH TOWN OF WHITBY REGARDING PORT WHITBY TRAFFIC (NOT A COMPLETE LIST)			
DATE	TO	FROM	SUMMARY	
July 26, 2022	Rollauer DRPS	Wenda Abel (Port W)	Chief Rollauer,	
			As I write this email at 4:46 a.m. Tuesday, July 26, 2022, I am once again disturbed and distracted by the roar of a motorcycle with a modified muffler through the double-paned thermal windows of my condo facing Victoria St. at Watson St. here in Port Whitby.	
			This is not an occasional experience. It is not just daily, or hourly, but indeed, even minute to minute, that I am distracted, startled or even momentarily 'deafened by their excessive noise. Wherever I am in my Port Whitby waterfront neighborhood, what ever I am doing at virtually any time of day, I am assaulted by the extreme noise of 'performance' cars and motorcycles with modified mufflers or no mufflers at all.	
			To demonstrate the extent of this disturbance, from Sunday, July 17th – 3:50 p.m. until Saturday, July 23rd - 2:30 p.m., I documented each incidence of excessive noise from vehicles with modified or no mufflers I could hear when I was in my home at 360 Watson St. W. in the Port Whitby neighborhood.	
			There were 123 incidences of excessive noise from modified vehicle mufflers. A rate of approx. 20 per day. 62 from cars. 51 from motorcycles. (Muffler and engine noise from transports and large trucks is not included in these numbers.)	
			In each incidence I rated the level of disturbance I experienced from the excessive noise – Startled – a sudden reaction that elicited a physical 'flight or fight' response caused by adrenalin flooding my system, Deafening – the noise is so excessive I am unable to hear other sounds close-by, hear or be heard by others speaking with me. And Distracted – my attention is drawn from my work or activities to the sounds.	
			31 times in 6 days I experienced being Startled. An average of 5 time per day my system was flooded with adrenalin as if I were under stress.	
			5 times in 6 days I experienced being 'Deafened'. Almost once a day, the excessive noise 'hurt' my ears, caused me	

			OWN OF WHITBY REGARDING PORT WHITBY TRAFFIC (NOT A COMPLETE LIST)
DATE	ТО	FROM	SUMMARY
August 8, 2022	DRPS:		Gentlemen,
	Todd Rollauer		
	Rob Ryan		
	Paul Bruce		
			Where are your officers?
			Since Thursday, July 28th, when I was given to understand by Inspector Ryan that there would begin a week of police presence and 'action' to address 'aggressive' driving and the excessive noise from illegal modified mufflers in the Port Whitby Waterfront area, the pattern, number and intensity of incidences - particularly along Victoria St between Lynde Shores and beyond Dufferin St continues virtually unabated.
			While there have been somewhat fewer incidences of egregious levels of noise in the morning hours, comparing my documentation this week with the previous 2 weeks, there is little change in the number of either vehicles with these devices in the Whitby Shores/ Port Whitby vicinityor the peace-shattering noise.
			As I alerted Constable Bruce in two emails early in the past week(there has been no acknowledgement or response), the greatest number and most extreme of the incidences take place in the afternoon, with the most between 4:30 and 7:00 p.m. This week, during those hours it was bedlam! Cars, custom painted red, blue, yellow, green and purple with spoilers or raised chassis, sped through the intersections at Gordon, Watson and Brock (or accelerated quickly from the lights) in a barrage of roars and grumbles, sometimes 2, 3, 4 at a time, followed by a lull then several more of the same in rapid succession usually between 5 - 8:30 p.m. It was like a custom car rally. Last night between 6:00 -8:30 pm. the speeding and roar and piercing whine from modified mufflers continued

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DATE	то	FROM	SUMMARY
August 9, 2022		Wenda Abel (Port W)	Good morning Wenda,
			The officers from Regional Traffic Services were on scene to address the issues as previously discussed. There were 19 charges laid during this period. The officers working in the Regional Traffic Unit have since been redeployed elsewhere in the Region. I trust you can appreciate that excessive muffler noise and aggressive driving know no borders and that the officers need to also enforce elsewhere in the Region.
			That being said, an ongoing effort from the local Division (Central West), will provide attention to the problem you have identified in a pro-active manner. Cst. Bruce has put this into motion.

From: WENDA ABEL

To: trollauer@drps.ca <trollauer@drps.ca>

Sent: Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at 04:45:28 p.m. EDT

Subject: Excessive Noise From Illegal Modified Mufflers in Port Whitby

To: Chief of Police Todd Rollauer, Durham Region Police Services

605 Rossland Rd. E. Whitby, ON L1N0B7

Chief Rollauer,

As I write this email at 4:46 a.m. Tuesday, July 26, 2022, I am once again disturbed and distracted by the roar of a motorcycle with a modified muffler through the double-paned thermal windows of my condo facing Victoria St. at Watson St. here in Port Whitby.

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To demonstrate the extent of this disturbance, from **Sunday**, **July 17**th **– 3:50 p.m. until Saturday**, **July 23**^{td} **- 2:30 p.m.**, I documented each incidence of excessive noise from vehicles with modified or no mufflers I could hear *when I was in my home* at 360 Watson St. W. in the Port Whitby neighborhood.

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5 times in 6 days I experienced being 'Deafened'. Almost once a day, the excessive noise 'hurt' my ears, caused me to be unable to hear or be heard and left my ears 'ringing' for minutes afterward.

The other 87 times I experienced being Distracted. That's 11 times a day my attention was diverted from my work or activities or my family and friends by the noise of modified mufflers.

More often than not, these incidences of excessive noise were exacerbated by speeding.

This disturbance, this distraction, this physical assault is perpetrated on my my person while I am in my home, out walking in my neighborhood, while I work, while I sleep, all day, every day. And, of course, it is being perpetrated on my Port Whitby neighbors and visitors, too.

Port Whitby has become a place where, every day and almost every hour, a single owner of vehicle with illegal modified muffler (or no muffler) can shatter a peaceful walk on the Waterfront Trail or a family picnic in Heydenshore Park, where they can invade our peace and destroy our enjoyment of our personal and public property and **jeopardize our health and well-being** in order to 'express' themselves and indulge their 'enthusiasm'.

Health effects of environmental noise pollution - Curious (science.org.au)

The Effects of Noise on Health | Harvard Medicine magazine

And there is no response from our Durham police service.

I have emailed DRPS requesting monitoring and enforcement through the non-criminal reporting form on the force's website. No reply.

I have called the Whitby detachment number for reporting non- criminal complaints. It rang and rang, No answer. Not even an answering service to leave a message.

Port Whitby has become a place where a single owner of a vehicle with an illegal modified muffler can disturb our peace, productivity and enjoyment and negatively impact the physical health, well-being, longevity and cognitive functioning of our residents and visitors with impunity. **Port Whitby (indeed Whitby) has become the place where they can evade the law.**

This lawlessness is not confined to Whitby. Municipalities throughout Ontario are grappling with the bombardment of excessive vehicle noise.

'No Nuisance Noise Ontario' seeks local council support to quiet exhaust systems - North Bay News (baytoday.ca)

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'Something needs to be done' about noise-making mufflers in Durham | The Star

This constant illegal assault on our lives, our sensibilities and our health is egregious and unacceptable.

Therefore, I call on you, Chief Rollauer and Durham Region Police Service to respond.

I request a personal reply to this email in indication of your attention and intention to address this very serious and growing phenomenon.

Further, I request consistent police presence over time in Port Whitby – particularly along Victoria St. from Lake Ridge to Thickson Rd., Brock St. south of the 401 and along Watson St. to South Blair St. to monitor the incidences of excessive vehicle muffler noise.

And, I request a campaign of **full enforcement of the law.** <u>Bill 229, Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Muffler Noise), 2007 - Legislative Assembly of Ontario (ola.org)</u>

(FYI, I am amenable to send in another email for your examination, copies of my documentation of incidences of illegal muffler noise recorded and referred to here, as well as comments from Faceboook posts I made on our Port Whitby Residents page in a moment of desperation and hope of support.)

Please be advised that I have forwarded this email to the members of the Whitby Town Council and the Durham Region Council through their clerks for their information, attention and intervention around this issue.

I thank you for your time and attention.

I anticipate your prompt response to my call for attention and action, and ultimately, a relief from the on the growing diminishment of my relative equanimity and the assault on my health by the sound of roaring mufflers, and the hope of return to only to the ubiquitous hum of traffic and what little peace and quiet I may attain at the busy corner of Victoria Ave. and Watson St. W.

Your respectfully,

Wenda Abel #105-360 Watson St. W. Whitby, ON L1N 9G2

Summary of Interactions with Durham Regional Police Services re: Excessive Noise from Illegal Modified Mufflers in Port Whitby.

July 26, 2022 - Email to Todd Rollauer, Chief of Police DRPS re: issue, documentation of illegal muffler activity, call for enforcement.

July 26, 2022 – copy of email to Chief of Police forwarded through Clerks of Durham Region and Whitby Councils requesting intervention.

NOTE: No Whitby or Durham Region Councilor or other official reached out at any time during the interactions with police to discuss the issue with myself.

July 27th, 2022 – email from Chief Rollauer advising that responsibility for investigation and action referred to Inspector Ron Bryan.

July 27th, 2022 – phone call from Inspector Rob Bryan outlining the intended actions re: excessive illegal muffler noise in Port Whitby. Indicated that Constable Patrick Bruce would be leading outlined enforcement activity beginning July 28th.

July 28th, 2022 – Saw one cruiser parked in 360 Watson lot approx. 9 a.m. – gone by 10 p.m. Queries to neighbors indicated that no other DRPS cruisers seem in vicinity that day.

July 28th, 2022 – Email to Inspector Bryan, highlighting that the most incidence of vehicles emitting excessive noise from illegal mufflers and related incidences of speeding take place in the afternoon /evening hours.

July 29th 2022 – response from Inspector Bryan indicating officers would be around the next day and later in the week if needed depending on the results and directing further communication be to Constable Bruce.

NOTE: No DRPS officer or official called or reached out to ask questions or gather further information about the nature and scope of the problem in spite of having knowledge of my extensive observation and documentation of the incidences of speeding and excessive noise from illegal mufflers as outlined to Chief Rollauer in the initial email and in subsequent emails to Inspector Bryan and Constable Bruce.

July 29th, 2022 – Two cruisers seen leaving the vicinity at approx. noon. Further queries to neighbors indicate no other cruisers seen in the vicinity.

July 29th, 2022 – Email to Constable Bruce to make the connection and highlight that the major incidence of noise takes place in the afternoon/evening hours.

NOTE: No previous communication was received from Constable Bruce. There was no response to this email.

August 2, 2022 – Email to Constable Bruce pointing out an increase in illegal activities in spite of purported police presence and highlight again the most incidences in the p.m.

NOTE: No response from Constable Bruce.

Aug. 8th, 2022 – Email to Chief Rollauer, Inspector Bryan and Constable Bruce re: lack of results of purported monitoring and enforcement activity in Port Whitby requesting a report on police actions and outcomes.

August 9th, 2022 – Response from Inspector Bryan indicating that they laid 19 charges in the 10 days of activity (it was not indicated whether these were all in the Port Whitby area) and informing that officers have been redeployed elsewhere due to the widespread nature of the problem and that Constable Bruce will continue to take proactive action as warranted.

August 10-September 2022 – No further correspondence with police. No observed police presence or action in Port Whitby, no appreciable change in number of incidences of speeding, danger driving and excessive noise from illegal modified mufflers.