

What can be done about speeding in my neighbourhood?



Speed



Watch

Neighbourhood Traffic Management Programs

One of the most frequent requests made to the Parking & Traffic Section at the City of Niagara Falls is the need to address speeding along residential streets.

All-way stops are typically requested by the public to control speeds, however, the purpose of an all-way stop control is to provide alternating right-of-way to two roadways with similar volume demand and operating characteristics. When stop signs are installed to slow down speeders, drivers may, in fact, increase their speed between signs to compensate for lost time. This creates an even more dangerous situation. Stop signs at inappropriate locations could result in drivers running stop signs and speeding through neighbourhood streets.

Therefore, Staff and City Council do not support the installation of an all-way stop to reduce traffic speeds.

Most people that are speeding are local residents caught in the daily rush. These people are your neighbours and friends, responsible people who are committed to safe and peaceful neighbourhoods. The ***Neighbourhood Speed Watch Program*** is intended to give all motorists a “friendly reminder” of their speed in residential neighbourhoods.

The ***Neighbourhood Speed Watch Program*** is an educational safety program designed to raise awareness of the speed drivers are traveling. A group of two or more concerned residents volunteer a few hours of their time to operate the equipment and identify speeding vehicles in the neighbourhood. There is no charge to borrow the equipment, however volunteers are required to attend a one-hour training period.

The information collected can further result in a letter from the police to the registered owner of the speeding vehicle. The letter appeals to the owner and drivers to slow down on neighbourhood streets. There are no tickets issued under this program. However, chronic speeding in a neighbourhood could result in added enforcement from the Niagara Regional Police.



This program is conducted in partnership with the City, Niagara Regional Police and Community Volunteers.

The program is aimed at reducing incidents of speeding in residential neighbourhoods. After being exposed to the radar display board, motorists are more likely to voluntarily comply with the speed limit. Lower traffic speeds results in fewer and less severe collisions, a safer environment for pedestrians/cyclists and encourages a community oriented area.

If you feel your neighbourhood is experiencing a speeding problem, the first step is to contact the Niagara Regional Police and request enforcement. The next step is to become involved in the *Neighbourhood Speed Watch Program*.

If you are interested in participating in this program, please complete the bottom portion of this brochure and forward it to City Hall. Please include correspondence indicating in detail the nature and extent of the traffic problem if you haven't already done so. A representative from the Parking and Traffic Section will contact you to discuss your situation and explain the program to you.

If a speeding problem persists after several attempts are made to slow traffic through the use of the radar board, more permanent solutions such as speed humps and traffic calming devices can be examined. These projects are more complex, costlier and have different guidelines and procedures.

If you wish further information, please contact the Parking and Traffic Section at the phone number listed below.



Name: _____	Location: _____
Address: _____ _____	Between _____ and _____
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Help make your community safer ... Become a volunteer

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