

Speed-Reducing Measures on Lake Placid Road/Creekside

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to voice a shared and long-time concern amongst Creekside residents in regards to vehicles speeding and pedestrian safety in our neighbourhood. Action is needed on speedy drivers, especially on Lake Placid Road.

We appreciate the Council's efforts in implementing a reduced speed limit to 30km/hr in most municipal roadways as of 2021. On the municipality's website, we can see that "the safety of road users is a priority in Whistler, particularly the safety of pedestrians and cyclists." We can't agree with this more. Whilst we appreciate your efforts, we need other speed-reducing measures such as speed bumps/cushions, more signage, and/or stop signs to tackle the ongoing problem of speedy drivers.

We are an increasingly popular neighbourhood, especially during the summer months with beautiful Alpha Lake. However, we have only one 30 km/hour sign at the entrance of our neighbourhood. Other than this initial signage when entering Creekside, there is a playground sign at the entrance of Alpha Lake Park. Despite these signs, there is a severe problem of people driving well above the speed limit, especially on Lake Placid Road where people are hurrying to get on Highway 99.

Speedy drivers have become an increasing concern because there are many children living in the neighbourhood, as well as local and visiting children who play at the Alpha Park playground and lake. Because of the popularity of the park and the parking lot quickly getting full, people take advantage of the street parking on Lake Placid Road. Therefore, we often see children loading and unloading from their vehicles. Lake Placid Road is not a very wide street, and without a proper sidewalk. This concerns us when there are vehicles speeding from both directions, especially the corner between 2156 and 2160 Lake Placid Road. We know this all too well, because we live right in front of the park.

We understand that speed bumps and speed cushions may be troubling for snow clearing during the winter months, however they are found throughout our municipal roadways (e.g. Alta Lake Road near Rainbow Park and Rainbow Drive by Meadow Park). If the safety of pedestrians and cyclists are a priority in Whistler, we request that this matter be taken seriously. For the safety of residents and visitors, we urge you to implement speed-reducing measures in Creekside, consistent with other residential neighbourhoods with popular parks.

Yours sincerely,
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