



Municipality of the District of Argyle

Item: Road Safety Concerns

Date: September 12, 2023

Vision statement

Argyle is the community of choice to invest, live and play.

Mission statement

Argyle invests time & talent in growth opportunities in fishing, tourism, and renewable energy sectors.

Argyle provides affordable taxation while providing safe and healthy communities and strives to engage and inform our residents on decisions that affect them most.

Argyle provides high class, accessible recreational and cultural facilities and helps celebrate its unique heritage and culture and welcomes new residents to our region.

Background:

A resident of Argyle shared her concerns around road safety in the Argyle area between Highway 103 and Civic #5176 (See Map Below). The resident has already visited the RCMP and they suggested that she come to us. She believes that the speed limit is too high, given the number of curves and hidden driveways. She'd like the speed limit lowered and hidden driveway/curve signs installed. She was recently driving this section of road and slowed for a bicycle and then was passed by a car that nearly hit oncoming traffic.

Suggestions:

1. We consider installing our speed radar in that particular area to gather information that we could share with RCMP. This would provide more evidence around the speeding concerns brought up by the resident.
2. We write a letter to the RCMP to review this concern around potentially reduction speed signs or installing safety sign in the area.
3. We decide to do nothing as this is only one resident complaining



Other considerations:

This area is situated in close proximity to the designated site for the Public Works project associated with the upcoming Exit 32 Interchange project. It's possible that these concerns may be taken into consideration during the planned modifications. Nevertheless, it's worth noting that these alterations may still be a few years away from implementation. Furthermore, there is no absolute certainty that this project will definitively affect this area and address the specific concerns we have.

Recommendation:

To install a speed radar system in the area and collect data. If the data reveals significant speed violations, we can then share this information with the RCMP and request a review of the existing speed limits.

Suggested motion:

Move that our staff install a speed radar system in the Argyle area, specifically between Hwy 103 and Civic #5176 Hwy #3, for a few months to gather data. After collecting the data, if it suggests a safety concern in the area, we should then send a letter to the Public Works department, requesting a review of this safety issue.