



## **Sign up to be Part of the Pace Car Program and Have a Positive Effect on Your Community**

Over the last few years, Ottawa Police, in conjunction with local residents, have explored the potential benefits of the Pace Car Program. After much study and consideration, these groups have decided Pace Cars can have a positive effect in their communities and, because of this, are now ready, with assistance from the Bridlewood Community Association, to expand the program to include all of Bridlewood and Emerald Meadows.

### **What is this all about?**

Pace Cars drivers are people, just like you, who, as they go about their regular driving, promise they will try to follow the posted speed limit. And, just as important, they promise to show respect for others who may be using roadways – including other drivers, pedestrians and cyclists. That's it.

Pace Cars are not on the street to deliberately slow traffic. They do not add more traffic during already congested and busy times of the day. They do not drive slower than the speed limit and are not “out there” during specific times of the day.

### **Why worry about driving the speed limit?**

Besides the obvious reason that it's the law, excess speed is dangerous. In our community, with so many children, trails for biking and paths for walking, there are always pedestrians and cyclists about. An accident involving a pedestrian and a car can have extremely harmful results; deadly results where speed is involved.

### **How can a few of us driving the speed limit make a difference?**

Well, if a few are only two or three, we won't make much of a difference. However, if we can get two or three people per street, that's a lot of people intending to drive the speed limit, and chances are good that most of the time, they will be.

### **What if I do speed?**

Everyone speeds now and then, for whatever reason and in whatever particular location. As a Pace Car though what you show is your intent to work at driving the speed limit and being a respectful driver. Besides the window sticker on your vehicle that shows others you are a Pace Car Driver, a quick check in your rear view mirror will also remind you of your intent, and perhaps get you to double check your speed and behaviour for a moment.

### **How do I sign up?**

All you need to do is drop a quick email to [pacecarkanata@live.com](mailto:pacecarkanata@live.com) and we'll send you the pledge form to sign and return. We'll keep a list of Pace Car Drivers so we can stay in touch and contact you if anything really interesting is going on, or if there's something you need to know about.

Pace Cars are drivers who intend to drive the speed limit and show respect. It's simple. It's easy. It makes sense. And it does make a difference. Get involved!