

## Speed Changes to Affect Stonehaven Drive

In April of this year our community will take part in a pilot project being run through the City of Ottawa and aimed specifically at Stonehaven Drive.

At the present time Stonehaven Drive is posted as a 40km street at all times. With the pilot project the street will be zoned at **50km - EXCEPT when students may be walking to and from school**. This means the street will drop to **40km on SCHOOL DAYS between the hours of 7am –9:30am and 2pm-5pm**. This would cover staff and students who might be walking to school early or leaving school later and covers the start and end times of all the schools along the street. Outside of these restricted hours and on weekends and holidays then, the speed would be 50km continuously during the day.

The theory behind the change is that the street itself is designed for higher speeds – the road is relatively straight, reasonably wide and does not contain hidden intersections – which means people typically find themselves driving at higher than posted speeds. Where higher speeds are not reasonable however is during times children might be walking or cycling to and from school. During these times we want drivers to slow down and understand there is a reason for them to slow. Again the theory is that if they are allowed to drive at a higher speed at other times, they will drive a slower and more respectful speed when there is a reason.

The new signage is expected to go up in mid-April and will include :

- yellow caution signs indicating the existence of a pilot project
- signs posting the speed as 40km during school days and the hours which will include the children crossing sign

Residents will notice improved signage in the school areas and particularly eastbound at Roch Carrier School and westbound at St. James School.

After the signs are installed there will also be additional signs indicating speed and collecting data on vehicle speeds during the first two seasons and we can also expect an increased police presence to monitor the slower speed times all along Stonehaven with particular focus on school zones.

Pictures of the new speed signs are posted on the St.Anne website and on the Bridlewood Community Association website. Please take a moment to have a look so you are familiar with what the signs look like.

If you have any questions or comments please send them to [safety@bridlewood.ca](mailto:safety@bridlewood.ca).