

## Speed Limit on Mackey Creek

In July of 2021 I presented Council with a petition signed by 6 out of 7 waterfront property owners asking Council to take the steps necessary to mitigate the ongoing issues of shoreline erosion of private properties along this stretch of Mackey Creek.

The supplied petition also asked the Municipality to engage with Transport Canada's Office of Boating Safety to request a Vessel Operation Restriction Regulation to establish a speed limit along this stretch of the waterway.

The Municipality had signs made and installed at the Municipal Boat Launches which indicate the universal shoreline speed restriction wherein a vessel cannot travel more than 10km/hr within 30 meters of shore.

Thank you to the Municipality for these signs but they are obviously not working. I have also bought 6 "no wake zone" signs and distributed them to my neighbours but they are not working. The local campground as "landlord" to the majority of these "tenants" have not been at all helpful as evidenced in the email copied to the clerk.

Given the very sensitive nature of the clay banks at the waterfront of all these neighbouring properties, wave action other than what is natural only exacerbates the erosion of the shoreline.

For this reason I am asking the Municipality to move forward expeditiously in contacting Transport Canada's Office of Boating Safety to request a Vessel Operation Restriction Regulation to establish a speed limit of **5 km/hr** along this stretch of waterway from Hwy 17 to the corner past property #190 Jennings Road.

Here is an excerpt from an email I received from Transport Canada last summer.

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Good Morning Ernie

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**It is the responsibility of the municipality to erect and maintain signage of the speed limits, and the marine unit of the local enforcement agency to enforce these speed limits or the OPP.** As an individual you can post "informational" signage with messages such as "reduce your wake", caution – swimming area or "watch your speed" etc. These signs cannot have anything regulatory on them such as a speed limit. Any speed limit Vessel Operation Restriction Regulation needs to be applied for through a lengthy process and can only be applied for by a municipality or township that you live in.

Vessel Operation Restriction Regulations are used primarily to address safety concerns where no other Act, Regulation or Regulatory regime applies and where there is no other alternative than to restrict the waterway. It can stem from concerns such as **safety, public interest or environmental issues.**

There are different types of restrictions that can be applied for such as:

- Prohibiting all vessels
- Limiting engine power or type of propulsion
- **Speed limits**
- Restricting certain activities like towing
- Prohibiting a sporting public event or activity

My latest conversation with the UOV OPP has indicated that they will not pursue charges unless a speed limit has been established.

Trusting that this matter will be dealt with in a timely manner,

Ernie Villeneuve Jr.

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