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> -----Original Message-----From: > Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 2:18 PM To: Rudy, Jo-Anne <Jo-Anne.Rudy@burlington.ca> Subject: Safety signs - Submission for committee meeting

Hello there,

There are thousands of children living in the Orchard neighbourhood, not to mention countless families and seniors. Despite this, drivers travelling through our neighbourhood seem to think that stop signs are 'stoptional' as one of neighbours put it recently. Drivers regularly cruise through stop signs, barely checking to see if anyone might be preparing to cross the road. It is a serious problem and I invite anyone to visit the corner of Sutton Drive and Blue Spruce between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, and you will see exactly what I am talking about.

I have seen bright yellow signs in other neighbourhoods (Oakville, Alton Village) and, even though I am not typically speeding through anyone else's neighbourhood, they do cause me to double-check my speed and alert me to the fact that there may be children playing nearby. We desperately need an increased police presence in our neighbourhood, ticketing errant drivers on an unpredictable schedule, as well as other traffic calming measures. While we wait for these longer term measures, I am optimistic that drivers will notice the signs as they drive by and take a moment to think about how they are travelling through our neighbourhood. I do not expect this to completely resolve the problem but I do hope it will start a broader conversation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Melissa Jamieson