

<p>October 4, 2023 General Committee Meeting Agenda Item 11.3</p>	<p>></p>	<p>Road Safety Committee Report Sept 26, 2023 RSC-0021-2023 Road Safety - Clarkson Rd N</p>
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Controversial Road Safety Issues

Clarkson Rd N & other roadways

- **Taking Account of Views of Residents**
- **Related Concerns and Lessons Regarding
City Disconnect from Residents**
 - **Surveying Affected Residents**

**Dan Anderson
Ward 2 Resident**

Source: Sept 26, 2023 presentation by res

Increase in Traffic and Speed on Clarkson Rd N.

Safety and Use Concerns: A Lived
Experience

September 2023



Source: Sept 26, 2023 presentation by resident to Road Safety Committee.

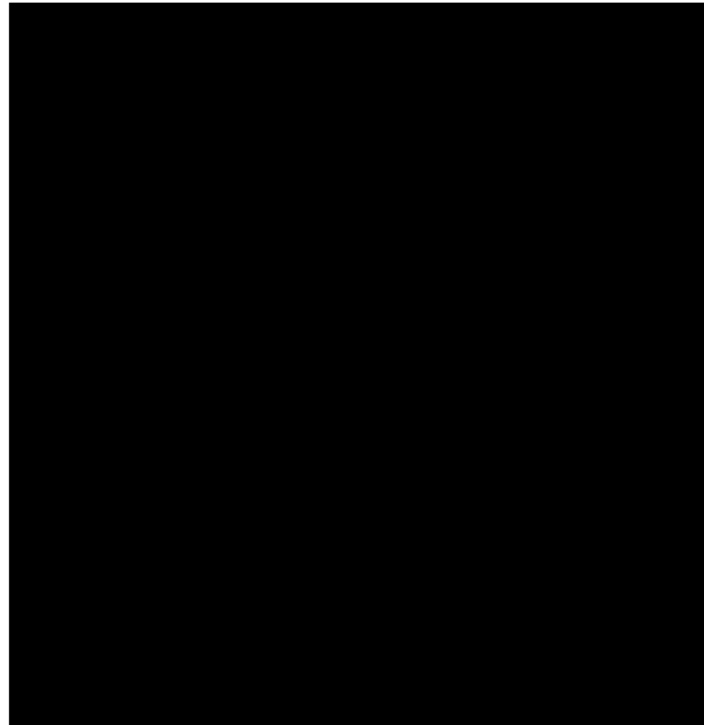
Recommendation	Reason
// 1. THREE new all-way stop signs	Creates the same flow as Southdown and takes away reason to use Clarkson Rd N. as a bypass. Allows side streets to merge with Clarkson Rd N. without waiting for very long periods, creating unsafe situations.
?? 2. Speed bumps along Clarkson Rd. N.	Similar to Queen St W., numerous speed bumps will help reduce over speeding, which is over 60 km/hr. on average for a 30-40 km/hr. zone with 2 Community Safety Zones
// 3. TWO new crossings	Crossing lines exist at Clarkson Rd N. and Mazo Crescent for White Oaks School, but they are just 2 lines and traffic does not stop. Make this is proper crossing with lights. Add crossing in front of St. Christopher School for school children. Another unsafe situation.
?? 4. Allow street parking on one side of Clarkson Rd. N.	This is one of the best traffic calming measures with no cost. Street parking makes street safer by calming traffic. DO NOT INCREASE THE WIDTH OF CLARKSON RD N. IT WILL INCREASE TRAFFIC AND SPEED.

Potential committee misunderstanding re consensus on two controversial recommendations

1. "**numerous speed bumps** ... on Clarkson Rd N ... **similar to Queen St W.**"
2. On-streeting parking in front of resident's homes on Clarkson St N.

Road Safety Committee
Citizen Member
Michael Matic

—————
Immediately prior to vote
 on recommendations by
 Road Safety Committee members



**"Is this reflective of the
 consensus of the community**
 members and ... that would be a
primary concern for me
 that we've accounted for
all your neighbours
 as you've mentioned before."

Response by Clarkson Rd N Resident (20:00):

"... I walked over to **all of my neighbours** ... and every single neighbour that I've chatted with, and **I've chatted with about three dozen** at this point (*insert comment: there are about **50 homes** with frontage on the street*) ... when I wanted to present this, I went around the neighborhood asking everyone and ... based on the sample that I have, I have **no opposition to some of the thoughts I've presented, with the exception of** ... (Facebook comments about **parking on the street**).

Problematic Statement made during Sept 26, 2023 presentation to Road Safety Committee

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"Please build (speed bumps) on Clarkson Rd N just the way you did on Queen St W ... so many on Queen St W ... that is fantastic ... those residents who live there absolutely love them."

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That

generalization apparently does **not** reflect a consensus by residents on Clarkson Rd N, nor Queen St W.

Some Key Elements from Recent Ad Hoc Door-to-Door Survey of Residents

	Clarkson Rd N (GO tracks to S Sheridan Way)	Queen St W (partial; Lorne Park to Ibar Way)
• Time period for survey	Oct 1 to 2, 2023	Sept 29 to Oct 2, 2023
• Number of homes responding to survey	35	32
• unaware of Sept 26, 2023 proposal to committee (~ confirmed no discussions with author of presentation)	31	n/a
• surprised by number of speed bumps installed 2023 (i.e. unaware prior to installation)	n/a	unaware - 32
• "hate" number of speed bumps installed (i.e. excessive)	-	HATE excessive # of speed bumps - 7
• "loved" the number of speed bumps installed (however unclear if the "love" was for the number, or just happy that some speed bumps installed (no option on # provided) and/or have options to avoid and/or would have welcomed stop sign at Red Pine)	-	LOVE # - 5
• others who thought the # speed bumps was "OK" (same comment as for preceding that no options provided)	-	OK - 10
• others who thought the # speed bumps was "too many"	-	too many - 10
• Residents should have the right to VOTE (non-binding) on the number of speed bumps, with reasonable alternatives identified by Road Safety in consultation with the community (an advance public meeting) as partially happened with Orr Rd & Park Royal,	YES for Voting - 33	YES for Voting - 28
• to confirm survey results	respondents' initials	respondents' initials

The survey results fully exclude the views of other affected residents and provide no assessment regarding preferred alternatives.

Controversial Road Safety Issues - Challenges for Clarkson Rd N and others

Some Lessons Learned

Orr Rd - lessons

- Commissioner opposed stop signs
- survey intentions hidden from residents
- **re-vote** help from Councillor Mullin, opposed by Commissioner
- re-vote results **misrepresented** by Commissioner.

Bromsgrove Rd - lessons



- survey intentions hidden from residents
- **re-vote** help from Councillor Mullin, after informed residents altered results.
- re-vote results **misrepresented** by Commissioner.

Clarkson Rd N ?

Queen St W - lessons

- **no 'vote' and no re-vote**
- surprise of residence on # speed bumps
- no disclosures and no options on stop signs and on # speed bumps

Challenges Faced by Residents for Clarkson Rd N and other roadways

	<p><u>Interim Councillor Pat Mullin:</u> (May 11, 2022) (Orr Rd and Bromsgrove Rd)</p> <p>"I have received numerous emails voicing their concern that many did not receive the survey and also those that did receive the survey not really quite informed as to exactly what was being proposed and it's my recommendation that we do send out another survey and also possibly options, and I do know we use stop signs on occasions as well."</p>
	<p><u>Councillor Alvin Tedjo:</u> (March 8, 2023) (Orr Rd and Bromsgrove Rd and Queen St W)</p> <p>"Some of us new folks here, only been here 16 weeks now ... but at the end of the day sometimes a government, an agency, whatever it is, needs to come in and say we need to impose ... traffic calming <i>(insert: code talk for speed bumps)</i>"</p> <p><u>Conflicts with surveyed view of residents.</u></p>



Commissioner Wright: (March 22, 2023)

"Just to make a point of clarification, **staff don't decide** and get to select what traffic calming measures go in ... and **Council** ultimately make those decisions. "

*insert note: Because **gas tax funds** are used, the Ward Councillor makes the decision and not Council, due to a reciprocal agreement amongst Councillors that **neutralizes the role of Council.***

Commissioner Geoff Wright statement in Feb 13, 2023 recommendation, tabled March 8, 2023:

"**56%** of respondents were supportive of the proposed measures along Bromsgrove Road." **However:** *Commissioner Wright' recommendation did not disclose to Council that his intended action is to install 10 speed bumps and only an **inflated figure of 26%** of residents supported his intended actions."*

Related consideration (re: unanswered question to Commissioner Wright from March 22, 2023) ... the actual definition of "traffic calming" (per surveys and policy) apparently excludes stop signs, speed cameras, police enforcement, radar warning signs, etc. Traffic calming is primarily defined as 'speed bumps', but the term is often intentionally misused by some staff and council members to obfuscate.



Councillor Dipika Damerla: March 22, 2023

"... question to Commissioner Wright ... the **surveys** I think create a **false narrative** with residents. This hybrid model is causing grief because ... it gives false sense to residents they have agency over this, and that's not necessarily the case, and if it is, then **we should be following a much stricter way of interpreting the results.**"



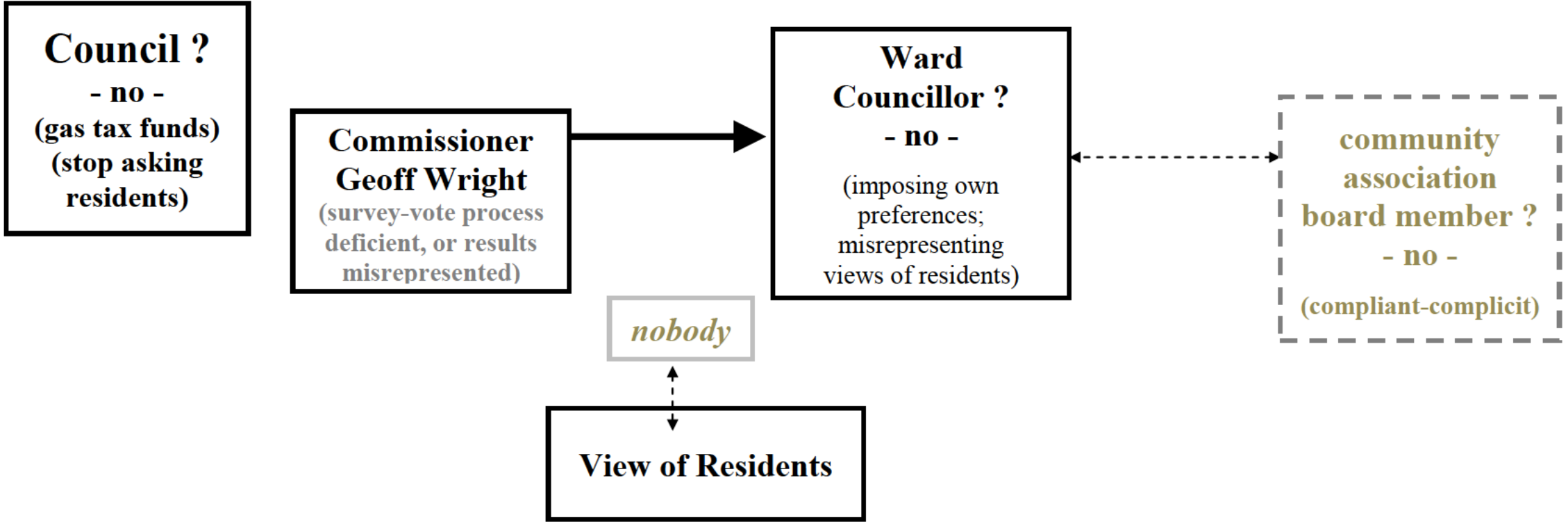
Councillor Stephen Dasko: (March 8, 2023)
(current **chair of Road Safety Committee**)

" ... a **few** people that I think we all probably have saying 'why would you want to do this' (*insert: issue of an excessive number of speed bumps as a result of misrepresenting views of residents*) and **they tend to be the worst offenders**" (**Example of discrediting residents with a broad brush.**)

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Determining and Respecting the Views of Residents (stop signs & speed bumps etc)

Lessons Learned - now, who will protect residents from Commissioner Wright ?



Key considerations and questions - Oct 14 agenda 11.3 (RSC-0021-2023):

- 1. Clarkson Rd N - access to Road Safety response.** Request that Ward 2 residents have access to the Road Safety response to Sept 26, 2023 proposed changes to Clarkson Rd N. Please advise staff that proposals on speed bumps and street parking do not reflect consensus of residents on Clarkson Rd N.
- 2. Clarkson Rd N - planned changes in 2024.** The Sept 26, 2023 referenced changes already planned for 2024. Can timing and extent of changes be disclosed as part of response to Sept 26 presentation, along with timeline for allowing residents to vote on related controversial alternatives identified by Road Safety.

Related considerations:

1. Encouraging Councillor to resolve perspective of "imposing" speed bumps and instead retain process of residents voting on options as determined by Road Safety in consultation with residents (not limited to complicit association board members).
2. What is going to happen on Bromsgrove with regards to respecting the 2022 vote by residents on speed bumps?
(related info on Facebook: Serena Tiggs)