

Hi,

I am unable to attend the public hearing tomorrow evening but would like to lend my support to the traffic calming initiative. I have been a Hampden Park resident for 5 years, living a block west of the Raymond and Hampden intersection.

It is my daily experience that southbound traffic on Raymond is generally unprepared/unwilling to stop for the pedestrian crosswalk and is usually travelling above the speed limit: and that at least half the time northbound traffic fails to yield to pedestrians already crossing the southbound lane.

Nobody enjoys heavy traffic on their doorstep, but it appears that Raymond is used as a speedy shortcut by drivers who treat the straight section opposite Hampden Park as an opportunity to put their foot down without consideration for safety. I know that most of the residents on the west side of Raymond do not drive west on Hampden to avoid the blind turn south onto Raymond caused by the bend and the property owner's tall fence, and I believe most of the neighbors feel that it is remarkable that there have not been more frequent accidents.

Thank you for the input,

Sincerely,

Ray Phillips