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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	40
COUNCIL MEETING	June 14/76

Re: LETTER DATED JUNE 7, 1976 FROM MR. PETER OBETKOFF  
3795 IRMIN STREET  
SPEEDING ON JOFFRE STREET

Appearing on the agenda for the June 14, 1976 meeting of Council is a letter from Mr. Peter Obetkoff regarding violations of the speed limit on Joffre Street. Attached is a report from the Municipal Engineer on this matter.

The officer in charge of the R.C.M.P. has reviewed the complaint from Mr. Obetkoff and advises as follows:

"Radar had been worked twice this month prior to Mr. Obetkoff's memorandum. The traffic is very light during daylight hours. There is some traffic in the early mornings and 4-6 p.m., then the odd sporadic traffic in the early evenings. The first day of radar operation for one hour no violators in excess of 40 m.p.h. were noted in the 30 zone. Two violators in the 20 mile playground zone were picked up at 33 and 36 m.p.h. respectively. Patrols will be rotated throughout the area in an effort to prevent further complaints.

As to the speed bumps it is felt that speed bumps are a menace and punish the local residents more than they do the offending speeder."

With respect to speed bumps, they are most undesirable on heavily travelled streets because vehicles upon contact could become involved in accidents and should this occur, the question of liability would undoubtedly become a major issue. Moreover, it is believed that any type of barrier or obstacle that could contribute to accidents on a major right-of-way such as Joffre should be rejected on these grounds alone.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT the request for speed bumps on Joffre Street be denied; and
2. THAT Mr. Obetkoff be sent a copy of this report.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

FROM: MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

SUBJECT: SPEEDING ON JOFFRE AVENUE NORTH OF RUMBLE STREET

Reference the submission of Mr. Peter Obetkoff of 3795 Irmin Street regarding speeding on Joffre Avenue, and his request for speed bumps.

Joffre Avenue north from Rumble Street is presently improved to an interim 20 foot asphalt cap pavement with gravel shoulders. There are no sidewalks on Joffre Avenue from Rumble to Imperial Street and the pedestrian would normally walk along the gravel shoulder or the pavement edge.

In 1975 the Municipality initiated a local improvement for Joffre Avenue between Rumble Street and Hurst Street that would have provided a 28 foot curbed standard with a five foot concrete walk on the west side. This initiation, however, was defeated by the majority of the property owners involved.

That section of Joffre Avenue from Rumble to Hurst Street, a distance of approximately 1900 feet, has a straight alignment, a grade of about three percent and no street entries from the east. A street of this nature is bound to attract and encourage a certain amount of speeding, particularly in sections where the speed has been reduced to 20 m.p.h. as it is adjacent the park site.

However, we must point out that speeding is a problem common throughout the Municipality and one that can only be alleviated by enforcement. We never have, and cannot in this case, support a request for speed bumps on a Municipal street.

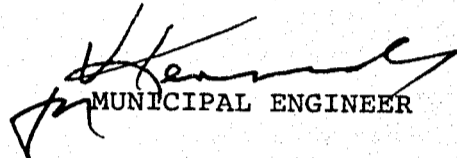
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