Petition to Council of the Town of Newmarket

We, the undersigned residents of Newmarket, respectfully petition the Town of Newmarket to consider undertaking a speed mitigation study on Lorne Avenue between Millard Avenue and Eagle Street with the view to implementing, if warranted, appropriate traffic calming measures to reduce traffic speeds on that section of Lorne Avenue. There are several key reasons for our request:

1. Stuart Scott School is near the south end of this section of road and at the bottom of the hill. While there is a crossing guard at the cross walk, there are many occasions when children and parents are crossing the road outside of the guard's hours. Many parents drive their children to school, especially in poor weather or on dark winter mornings, and cars are often parked well up street with children and parents getting in and out of their vehicles and crossing the road. The current crossing guard reports that several times she has been quite close to being hit by cars travelling too fast down the road.
2. The **Lions' Club Park** is in essentially the same location. Pedestrians and vehicles access the park with its various social and recreational activities (playground, pool, skating rink, lawn bowling, walking paths) via the roadway from Lorne beside the school.
3. There is a **neighbourhood mailbox** on the east side of Lorne at Timothy. Some residents on the west side of Lorne must cross the road to get their mail. This can be a dangerous undertaking, notably for seniors, people with child strollers, or those walking dogs, as car accelerate down the hill toward Eagle.
4. South of Timothy Street, **Lorne crosses the creek** that flows through the Lions Park. For several meters the sidewalks on both sides of Lorne are immediately adjacent to the roadway and on the other side there are the necessary railings. With nowhere to go to get out of the way, pedestrians can feel nervous on this section as cars go past at high speed.
5. As a secondary arterial road, we understand that Lorne Avenue experiences higher traffic volumes. However, because some vehicles travel above the speed limit, **entering Lorne Avenue from driveways or side streets** can be difficult and sometimes dangerous. It is important to note that because Timothy is a one way street, many Timothy residents must use Lorne to go anywhere by car.

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