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If possible please read this email at the April 13th council meeting as a deputation as I am not able attend remotely or in person.

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Good afternoon Committee of the Whole.

Thank you for considering the matter of the Savage Road and Nelson Circle all-way stop. I was the one that submitted the formal request to counselor Kelly Broome, that started this process.

I received the “council report 2026–18 Savage Road and Nelson Circle all-way stop review - staff report” in the mail on Tuesday April 7th.

I have read the recommendations made by the town staff and see their report indicating all-way stop control not be implemented, given it does not meet the technical warrants for an all-way stop control.

I understand ‘all-way stop control implemented that doesn’t meet the criteria’ can cause unintended negative consequences.

However, I have a concern about the report saying there have been no collisions at that intersection in the past 10 years, therefore it’s not a problem (this is paraphrasing). Having seen numerous drivers drive through and not stop for the crossing guard in the morning, my concern is would the only way to meet this second criteria of reported collisions be if a child was hit by a car? This sounds extreme, but I’m concerned and am looking at it as a case of prevention. These vehicles driving through the crossing guard’s stop signal was the catalyst for this process. I am aware there have been no car/car or car/pedestrian accidents on file. Unfortunately or luckily, the

people crossing and the crossing guard during these instances have been able to jump out of the way and prevent themselves from being hit by cars.... The most recent incident being March 26 at 8:32am where a vehicle drove right through the crossing guard who was standing in the middle of the road with the stop signal raised. She had to jump out of the way and luckily stopped the children that had already started crossing. This was also witnessed by the school principal. That should not be a required part of the crossing guard's job. Vehicles should be obeying the stop signal. The crossing guard should feel safe to perform their job and not be in fear of people speeding past her when she's standing in the middle of the road with her stop sign up.

There should be some way of having a method put in place that prevents this sort of thing.... The idea of an all-way stop, sounded like a solution that would force these drivers that don't pay attention to the crossing guard, to pay attention to a physical stop sign.

When the staff were investigating the intersection, I am sure they observed the school crossing signs (the neon yellow ones with pedestrian symbols) do not have flashing lights above them, like several do in other parts of Newmarket. Perhaps this would be a solution that would draw attention for the people who seem to be oblivious to everything else.

Ultimately, whatever is done to this area I want the Committee of the Whole to understand there are drivers in the Armitage village neighbourhood that ignore the crossing guard's stop signal and are dangerous to our children.

Concerning the other recommendation by the staff report of "no stopping" signs, the curbs on Savage Road are already painted red indicating no stopping and that does not stop people from stopping. I would hope physical signs would change that; however, the Committee of the Whole should be aware the current solution doesn't work.

Thank you for investigating and completing this whole process.

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