

# Thank-you for signing the “Traffic Assessment” Petition!

If that is all you have the time and/or inclination to do, we offer you sincere thanks again.

If you are willing and able to do a little more, and were wondering what, can we suggest the following four things:

- 1) **Talk to your neighbours.** While support for this cause has been extremely high among those we have spoken with, we have only been able to reach an average of *under half* of residents on most streets. This is due in part to our limited capacity to re-visit residents who we missed in the timing of our signature collection. We also were unable to reach a significant number of residents living in apartments with closed exterior doors. There were also a handful of people who likely thought we were selling hot-water heaters and were disinclined to speak with us at all! Every informed resident, and every signature that supports this cause is highly valued. If you speak with a neighbour who is interested in signing this petition, ask them to email us at [mimico.traffic.petition@outlook.com](mailto:mimico.traffic.petition@outlook.com)
- 2) **Order a free “Slow Down – Children at Play” sign** from councillor Mark Grimes’ office. We have no political affiliation with Mark Grimes’ office, but feel these signs will help to communicate to thoroughfare traffic, traffic assessment personnel from the City, as well as our councillor that this is an important issue in our community. Visit [www.markgrimes.ca](http://www.markgrimes.ca) or Google “Mark Grimes slow down sign” to order a free sign.
- 3) **Know what to expect.** Once signatures for all affected streets have been collected (this process may take several more months), the petition and an accompanying case report will be sent to Toronto’s Transportation Services to initiate the request for assessment. Upon completion of the City’s assessment, if the criteria for a reduced speed limit to 30km/h is fully satisfied by the affected streets (on a street-by-street basis) implementation will take place without further consultation based on the level of interest received from the petition. If the criteria for physical traffic calming measures is fully satisfied by the affected streets (this includes road, traffic, and pedestrian measurements, as well as consultation with fire, police, and ambulance), a poll conducted by the City Clerk Division will be distributed to residents. **It is important to fill and submit this poll as an accurate representation of your street’s interest.** To implement traffic calming speed mounds, the city requires a minimum of **51%** of residents to respond to the poll, of which at least **60%** must support the implementation of traffic calming. This will be another opportunity for you to talk to your neighbours, reminding all residents to submit their poll so that their interests are reflected. Poll results will be communicated back to those that vote and posted to the City Clerk’s office. Following a favourable vote, construction will commence once any higher priority implementations in other neighbourhoods have been completed.
- 4) **E-mail our Councillor Mark Grimes.** On September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Mark Grimes issued a statement on his website informing residents that he had requested an investigation by City Staff into safety concerns surrounding the Waterfront Mixed Use Trail. Grimes’ office was prompted to make this request, which would have investigations made *ahead* of the City-wide strategy, after receiving “over 120 reports of incidents of unsafe behaviour on the trail”. Grimes’ motion for an advanced investigation was unanimously approved by the Etobicoke York Community Council. We believe that a collective reporting of safety and traffic concerns in the area by residents to Mark Grimes’ office may yield the same results and call to action. Please take the time to email our councillor at [councillor\\_grimes@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_grimes@toronto.ca) and outline any concerns and any suggestions for solutions to these problems. You can also email us at [mimico.traffic.petition@outlook.com](mailto:mimico.traffic.petition@outlook.com) for an email template and list of commonly reported problems in the area, as well as community suggested solutions.

If you have any additional questions, concerns, or suggestions, please don’t hesitate to contact us at [mimico.traffic.petition@outlook.com](mailto:mimico.traffic.petition@outlook.com) All feedback is welcome. We can provide you with a digital copy of our initial Petition Information handout for more information on the reasons behind this petition and what is at stake.

Thank-you for your support in bringing change to our community.