

# Council to Decide Speed Hump Fate

on

Monday, March 11, 2002 at 7:00 pm

at

Council Chamber of the Municipal Hall  
355 West Queens Road

**The MarkTrend Speed Hump Survey will be on the agenda of the next council meeting. Take the time to be at the meeting to ensure that your views are known. Be sure to phone your neighbours to get as many Riverside residents to attend as you can.**

Dear Riverside Resident:

At the December 17<sup>th</sup> council meeting, part of what Council asked with regard to Speed Humps was for Staff to work on neighbourhood group solutions and conduct an independent survey of the neighbourhood. While the survey was conducted by MarkTrend and was independent, it is questionable if it was unbiased and if the March 11<sup>th</sup> presentation to council will be unbiased. Some of the issues raising concern about ongoing bias are:

- District staff provided conflicting information to the advisory group and MarkTrend. I asked for data to confirm which was correct but the Staff did not provide it. Now Staff have decided not to proceed with the advisory group meeting which would have allowed community input to Council with the MarkTrend report.
- All but one of the advisory group that met with staff to discuss the information to be provided to MarkTrend, agreed that the survey should be a straight forward "KEEP" or "REMOVE" question. When the survey came out the choices were KEEP or REMOVE or NEITHER and NO OPINION. Can anyone tell me how you can neither keep nor remove speed humps once they have been installed? Staff were also adamant the all the other questions be included.
- Mayor Bell has repeatedly stated his pro traffic calming position and as of February 25 has acknowledged that his daughter and grandchild live in the 900 block of Riverside. He claims this is not a legal conflict of interest but it begs the question that his personal biases may have interfered with the process that staff should follow.

Until the results of the survey are actually released, we won't know if they are biased or not. We also don't know if council will vote to remove the speed humps even if the survey shows that the community doesn't want them. The results will be posted this Thursday night as part of the agenda for the March 11<sup>th</sup> council meeting. See [www.SeymourValley.CA](http://www.SeymourValley.CA) for more information.

To ensure that your voice is heard I encourage you to attend the March 11<sup>th</sup> council meeting. Bring a sign to show your view but please respect the council's right to debate the issue without being heckled. For those of you who wish to speak to council, you can do so for two minutes during the public input period before the meeting.

Best regards,

