

A message for Orangeville drivers

What is Wrong with Orangeville Drivers?

I was almost hit by a car when out for a run yesterday. I came upon a crosswalk clearly marked by stop signs. I was halfway across when a driver moved forward towards me. She finally stopped though did honk her horn. Seriously? Had she forgotten a fundamental rule that pedestrians have the right of way? Regrettably, this is not an isolated case. Several friends ? pushing baby strollers no less ? have been nearly hit in the same way. At my daughter's school, I've seen more than one driver almost hit a child crossing the intersection, despite the presence of a crossing guard.

Then there's the speed. On our street alone, two people were hit this year by speeding drivers ? one sustained such a severe head injury that he is still off work.

We need slower speed limits town-wide, regular and widespread police enforcement of driving rules, and traffic calming measures across residential neighbourhoods and school zones.

Town council and the police department ignore this issue at their peril. A failure to act could mean more injuries and even death.

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