

## **Jerseyville Community Meeting**

### **Jerseyville United Church - January 4, 2024**

This informal community meeting was organized with a short lead time to address growing concerns about unsafe roads and dangerous driving in and around Jerseyville.

#### **Attendees:**

- Councillor Craig Cassar
- Ward 12 Constituency Coordinator Sherri Brown
- ~45 community members

#### **Summary**

- Strong desire for a safer and more walkable community
  - Residents are eager to help Ward 12 Office to get action – collect petitions, fundraising, advocacy, etc.
- Strong desire for playground replacement at Jerseyville Park

#### **Areas of Concern**

- Sunnyridge Road “S-Bend” – many accidents here, driving too quickly around the bend, visibility is an issue.
  - ACTION:** Speak with Road Safety Team – what can be put in place for increased safety? Flashing lights to make signs more visible, guard rails, etc.
- Field Road and Powerline Road – poor visibility due to overgrown trees and shrubs
  - ACTION:** Submit service request to Forestry
- Powerline Road between Field and Lynden – blind spots because of the hills
  - ACTION:** Speak with Road Safety Team - can road markings be improved to discourage going into the oncoming lane? Other recommendations?
- Speeding/Aggressive driving, little enforcement
  - Jerseyville Road,
  - Field Road
  - Sunnyridge Road
  - Lynden Road
  - Union Road – cut-through traffic especially during school bus pick ups.
  - Alberton Road – police enforcing here, but residents feel this is not the best spot given all the other feedback shared about other concerning locations.
    - ACTION:** Follow up with Road Safety Team re: status of assessments and recommendations for all these areas
    - ACTION:** Speak with Crime Manager to request enforcement on Union Road
    - ACTION:** Speak with Road Safety Team - Investigate possibility of convex mirror at Union Road to improve visibility
- Drag racing along Jerseyville Road
  - ACTION:** Connect with Crime Manager to request enforcement

- Alberton Road – hard to turn on to Jerseyville Rd because of poor visibility.  
**ACTION:** Speak with Road Safety Team – investigate ways to slow traffic down before Alberton Road
- Field Road at Rail Trail – speeding makes crossing dangerous.  
**ACTION:** Speak with Road Safety Team – add pedestrian crossing? Improve lighting at signs?

*Note: Some residents chose to leave before we proceeded to the following topic:*

## **Jerseyville Park**

- Great sense of nostalgia for the park that used to be a focal point for the community – baseball diamonds removed; playground equipment is old.
- Unsafe to walk along Sunnyridge Road due to speeding.  
**ACTION:** Speak with Roads – addition of signage indicating children at play? Park ahead? Other ways to create safer walkways for families?
- Current playground area is not accessible for those with mobility concerns.
- Cars driving onto the grass – ruts are visible, doing “donuts”.
  - **Note:** around noon on January 4<sup>th</sup> entry ways were blocked with concrete posts presumably to deter entry by vehicles.
- Dirt bikes are also an issue – speeding, not wearing appropriate safety equipment. Resident reminded everyone to ensure their children were following expectations and behaving appropriately.
- Community is eager to have park improved – offers of support, possible fundraising.
- Park is on City’s list for replacement in 2027-28  
**ACTION:** Are there grants available to help fund the playground?  
Councillor to investigate any opportunities to replace sooner
- Concern that playground equipment is unsafe – City staff have indicated the equipment meets CSA standards.  
**ACTION:** Can report be shared with community to help alleviate concerns?
- Desire for community consultation prior to new playground being installed.  
**ACTION:** Determine timelines for community consultation
- Short-term idea – ice rink  
**ACTION:** Speak with Parks to determine if this is a possibility – maintenance? Water?

## **Additional Comments**

- Need for additional ways to communicate events with community – posters on mailboxes? Other locations?
- Desire for a Jerseyville specific meeting with the Crime Manager  
**ACTION:** Connect with Crime Manager to coordinate dates
- Residents are encouraged to subscribe to social media accounts and/or Ward 12 newsletter at [craigcassar.ca](http://craigcassar.ca)