



Project Story: Calming Traffic on Miller Road

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Is it because Miller Road road seems like a "main drag", the only way to access the rest of the east side? Are the two "min 30 km/h" signs just not enough for some, who assume it is a 40 km/h zone and then take some liberties above that? Do drivers feel they must floor it to make it up the infamous Seven Hills -- and also break the speed limit coasting down without braking? In any case many of us see that traffic in that stretch from the Four Corners to Scarborough is too often just too fast. The dangers magnify even more for the numerous families residing along the route, for cyclists, pets and wildlife, and for the many pedestrians making their way to the Cove, parks or schools, walking on the often sketchy shoulders.

One day as I attempted to cross Miller with my young child to the side with the more walkable shoulder, I realized that with how fast the cars were speeding up the hill, I could not hear or see if one was coming around the bend with enough time to cross before it would be on top of us. It was then that I wondered, why aren't there at least some extra "slow" signs along this road? I wondered if a Neighborhood Small Grant could help. And it did!



The four bright "kids" will hopefully provide a little extra reminder to drivers to drive like their kids play here. Though good spots for them are limited amid the density of parking, driveways, ditches and sharp shoulders, the slow kid signs will migrate around for extra attention, being unattached to any one resident and communal property of the whole Miller Road "village." Let's hope that these kids can remind us all to take it slow and be mindful of what is most important to us in this beautiful place we call home.





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