

BROADACRES VILLAGE RESIDENTS COMMITTEE



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Speed Bumps

15th July 2019

Dear Residents,

At the Residents' Annual Meeting there was a serious complaint about the two new, angled speed-bumps. From the murmurs of support, it was clear that there were a number of you who are unhappy about them. I didn't adequately respond to that resident at the meeting, hence this communiqué.

The complaint your ResCom receives most frequently is about the speeding in the village, especially in Heron drive and Loerie Lane. Some of the speedsters are visitors or contractors, but the vast majority and the most persistent is residents. So those speed-bumps were built at the request of your ResCom in a further attempt to control the speeding.

And they were angled, again at the request of your ResCom because if not angled, drivers in SUV's and other large cars can drive over them at speed without much discomfort. But as I'm sure you've discovered, you cannot drive across an angled speed-bump at speed without severely rocking the vehicle and making the ride extremely uncomfortable. So those residents who are complaining about the dis-comfort, or alleging damage to their vehicle's suspension or tyres, are simply driving too fast!

The simple solution is to slow down and cross them at a slower speed. And if that's 5 km/hr, so be it! The objective is to slow down the traffic and those new speed-bumps are certainly serving that purpose admirably.

If the rocking of the vehicle at a very slow speed still causes discomfort to people with spinal or other problems, there's another simple solution. As you approach the speed-bump and traffic permitting, move into the on-coming traffic lane and then turn back to the speed-bump so that you can cross it at right angles. But that will still force you to slow down, and if there's on-coming traffic you'll just have to wait a few seconds for that to pass.

As I've said, the new angled speed-bumps are certainly effective. It follows then that if the speeding persists elsewhere in the village, then more angled speed-bumps will be built. To avoid that then, simply drive with care at a safe speed and certainly at less than the prescribed 20 km/hr!

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Chairman of ResCom