Roads, Rides & Residents Community Engagement Results





Engagement Overview





Get Involved Innisfil Online Engagement 851 Total Visits 236 Informed Visitors 70 Contributors



1 Storytelling Tool 33 Stories







Dotmocracy Activity 92 Votes Cast



2 Paid Facebook Boosts Reached 4,408 People



1 Open House 50 Attendees



Mapping Activity 57 Places Pinned



Dotmocracy Voting Results

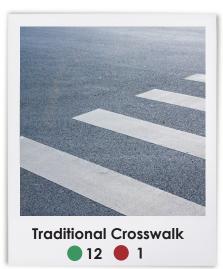
At one Open House, the community was encouraged to put green dot stickers on traffic calming examples they did like, and red stickers on examples they didn't like. This exercise helped identify how the community feels about different types of traffic calming.



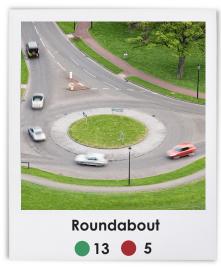


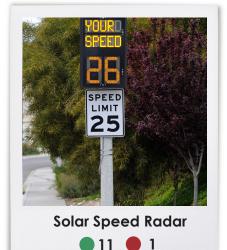














Mapping Activity Results

On **getinvovledinnisfiil.ca/roads**, the community was encouraged to leave their feedback through our interactive online mapping tool.

We asked residents to drop pins in areas they like, areas that speeding is an issue, and places they wish we could improve. A total of 57 locations were pinned online.

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Speeding Concern

I Wish You Could Improve

900 7th Line

Traffic here is a nightmare because of the blind curve, overgrown bushes, etc.

1055 7th Line

The 7th line is in a serious state of disrepair. It is extensively used every day. What's the plan?

2472 7th Line

The 7th line should never have been made one way to benefit a small number of residents. This is a primary road in the region and should be returned to a two way road.

1043 7th Line

This road has needed repairing for years. It is dangerous now. Please fix it.

1049 7th Line

This stretch of roadway is in despair. It isn't safe.



1213 7th Line

Rough road from all the pot hole dusting over the years. All the way from 20th until 25th Side Road needs to be fixed.

900 7th Line

Trees need cleared, this intersection is extremely unsafe when making a left onto St. John's from the 7th.

1213 7th Line

Terrible road with lots of pot holes. Road needs to repaved. All the pot hole fixes are just making things worse at this point. Needs to be repaved from just before the rails down to St. Johns Rd.

1309 9th Line

Road needs to be repaved.

1731 9th Line

From the lake to the 20th Side Road needs major repair.

702 9th Line

9th line between 25th and Leonard is on its last legs. Needs a complete resurfacing, not just a patch job.

1538 Innisfil Beach Road

During the morning rush, this is a nightmare of an intersection! Is it possible to have a no left turn from IBR to Side Road 20 from say 7am -9am? Keep the traffic moving west along IBR?

676 Innisfil Beach Road

Enforce resident only parking. We rarely use the park in the summer just because of the parking hassle and frustration. Also the park/beach rules should be strictly enforced.

1475 Innisfil Beach Road

Really bad area to drive though, a lot of traffic. Really bad if you wish to turn.

2002 Kate Avenue

Road needs to be widened.

7315 Yonge Street

I wish it wasn't so far away from all the towns and stuff.

7600 Yonge Street

Lights or 4 way stop.

2165 Galloway Street

The path between Galloway and the plaza is great, especially with small kids so we can avoid going close to Innisfil Beach Road. However in the winter, the snow from the gas bar gets pushed into the path, making it unusable.

3880 15th Line

There are residents walking on this street very often. It is dark and difficult to see them. Periodic street lights would help the safety of these pedestrians immensely.

2066 Webster Boulevard

Turning onto Webster from Butler has bad sight lines and will get worse as trees mature.

43 Queen Street

The sidewalk on the south side of Queen St. from Dufferin St. to the Trans Canada Trail is dangerous and it's only a matter of time before someone gets hurt.

2174 Killarney Beach Road

[...] need more law enforcement or a better system there.

20th Side Road

This intersection really needs a stop light.

2245 Merrett Street

Large pothole at the side of the road to be fixed as the kids keep tripping in it when walking.

9 Selby Street

The road is full of pot holes. BIG ones. It's not paved. My son's tutor lives on that street. I also use it to get to the downtown core. Crazy how many there are on that street and DEEP.

2089 Saint Paul Road

Sidewalks!! A lot of seniors from retirement home use this road to walk on, there is a daycare here as well where they all walk unsafely down this busy street.

58 Queen Street

It is very difficult to get out of the current plazas. There needs to be a light and the not paved parking lot needs to be closed in.

2083 Webster Boulevard

When the vehicles are parked on Webster, when attempting to turn on to Webster from Hunter the visibility is incredibly poor. Also, the new parking/bike lanes are a complete waste of money in my opinion. I don't feel there was a real need for them, and the quality of work and materials was poor. Just 3 months after painting some of the lines have almost completely faded.

58 Queen Street

No where to safely cross the street. Eastbound traffic speeds into town too fast to safely cross. This costs local business loss of business.

863 9th Line

Needs Sidewalks on 9th line and wider street.

1913 St. Johns Road

St John's Speedway, the unsafest street in Innisfil, just ask South Simcoe Police how many accidents and speeding happens on this main road with zero sidewalks.

596 Mapleview Drive

Mapleview is absolutely terrible for speeding. It is unsafe to walk to Mapleview beach and park. Signs. Speed bumps. Solar powered speedometer sign. Something!

236 King Street South

People do not respect the 40 km per/hour speed limit. They leave the lights at Queen heading south and speed as fast as they can up to 80. I have never seen a police officer in this location, and that would help. As would the flashing signs along the road heading south. There is one coming in from the north and it does help sometimes.

2158 Galloway Street

Galloway is used as a "no stop sign" alternate route for those living off Sheldon, Kellought St. They speed around the corner of Galloway and race to the end. Galloway could use a few more stop signs as it is the only street in the area with no stop signs! I suggest one at Galloway & Butler and one at Galloway & Gibson. This should cut down on the speed and need to take Galloway. I live on Galloway in the town homes and have young children who we are constantly in fear of being hit by a car.

6 Church Street

Transport and dump trucks dangerously speeding, cutting corners and destroying town property, running yellow and red lights.



1191 Westmount Ave

I would like to see a proper crosswalk at the corner of Laurand and Jans, so the High School kids can cross safely. If not a light, then at least lines and overhead signs. I know there's a 4-way stop just up the block, but there are crossing signs at the Laurand and Jans corner, so please put lines too. And educate drivers on how a crosswalk works if a light isn't to be installed.

831 9th Line

Cross walk for students all 500+ and their families.

1310 Innisfil Beach Road

Crossing guard is REALLY needed here!



1171 Booth Avenue

For the students of Lake Simcoe that walk to school from Kell, Lamstone and the north side of Booth they must cross here, at Booth and Muriel or at Booth and Webster. All intersections are so unsafe as they are all only a 1 way stop. For drivers that are turning, they often fail to see children who are crossing and its putting their lives at risk. Living in a community nestled so close to our children's' school should be an advantage not a risk. I'd love to see a 3 way stop at all these intersections. Especially since there are school buses moving "swiftly" through these intersections for St. Francis School during the exact times our kids are walking to Lake Simcoe Public School, Tall buses, in a rush, they wont and cant see small children crossing to school.

2098 Victoria Street

This intersection needs a pedestrian crossing signal. My daughter was hit by a car that ran the stop sign and we see others run the stop at least 3 or 4 times a week. Cops sit there to give tickets but that didn't protect my daughter. A pedestrian signal would allow the many children that cross each morning a little more assurance that cars will see them.

1984 Saint Paul Road

Sidewalks! If you want kids to walk to school they need to be safe. Cars speed up and down this street. Teenagers have to walk in the dark to their bus stops in the mornings and in the winter months even less space to walk. St Paul is a high traffic road, with many speeding and in need of sidewalks to keep kids safe.

Residents' Stories

In preparation of the 2020 budget, we asked the community to tell us about their experiences getting ready around Town.

We asked residents to consider the following...

Is your neighbourhood pedestrian friendly? Could you walk to do most of your small errands? How far is the distance to those places you need to reach regularly? Are you able to take advantage of facilities and services near you? Do you feel connected to your community? Do you feel safe getting to your destinations?

Thanking you in "Advance"

I would like to understand the timing of the advance green light going east to west at 89 and 27 in Cookstown. The advance is not available at peak traffic times, and the traffic coming west is frequently backed up to the top of the hill, sometimes to 5th line! Why can there not be an advance green simultaneously in both directions? On the brighter side, when the traffic is backed up, people cannot travel at 80 km per hour through the 40 km zone. More enforcement is needed in all directions.

Buses

Basic buses with public service works would be safer for the blind. More on time and reliable service with regular bus drives would feel much safer for me, I'm blind and disabled these public service workers are trained and know how to help me in my situation.

Stroud

The sidewalks in Stroud around Tim Hortons and the back entrance from Foodland are very unsafe for children or anyone walking in them. They are consistently covered by cars in the drive through and they come flying out from Foodland. Anyone walking on that sidewalk will be hit from the cars blowing the sidewalk and stop sign. Not to mention the road being blocked all the way onto young street because of the drive through traffic!

Too Long Fixing

The closure of Lockhart between Sandy Cove & 20th has gone on too long - please open soon - such an inconvenience to get into Barrie or Stroud.

Wesbter Boulevard

Webster BLVD South of Innisfil beach Road needs more stop signs or speed bumps. I live at the corner of Webster and Butler and lots of us have several young children. Drivers fly down Webster and it's scary for children. They play and sometimes forget there surroundings. When cars fly around the corner at 50 KMPH its an accident waiting to happen. Then after it snows and you have snow piles it's even harder to see the cars coming North towards Innisfil Beach Road. I went to the Town to inquire about a stop sign

but was told they did a survey and don't need one. We do! Just sit at the corner and watch. People drive too fast. Please put a stop sign at Webster and Butler! You may just save a child's life!



Lefroy Roads, Etc

I live on Pine Street in Lefroy. The potholes need to be addressed as it is brutal to try to drive (or walk) through this. Also, Pine Street is so busy with it being a thoroughfare. The commuters seem to use Pine Street to get through Lefroy. Also, the weekend warriors and the cottagers in the summer time are just brutal. Fridays through Sunday and even Monday morning are just crazy with weekend commuters. Somehow, this needs to be stopped. At least have the police conduct radar along there some time.

Managing the Flow of Traffic & Those Lines!!

I don't understand the new road painting lines. On some routes there's just a bike lane, some have a bike and buffer and then others have bike, buffer, and parking lanes sometimes these variances are all on the same street! And some streets have nothing. It's very confusing and looks like a mess. I would have preferred one strategy to be used consistently rather than this. I've been an Alcona resident for over 16 years and have not been thrilled with the increased flow of traffic. It seems like all the stores are all centrally located, which is easier for shoppers but makes for a lot more traffic in a small pocket of the town. Everyone's trying to get in and out of the same places. Spreading things out a little may make the roads feel less like the cities many of us thought we were escaping from.

Safety

Sidewalks for children/adults to get safely from Alcona to the YMCA. Street lights from Alcona to 400. Street lights on all side roads especially 20th and Young. IBR and the 20th both sides I just avoid and tell my children not to use. I've witnessed too many accidents in that location. There should be no passing yellow road lines on 20th near 6th Side Road. 4 way stop should be added along Webster/Hunter.

Public Comment: Agreed. I've seen plenty of people walking along IBR and hoped that they make it to their destination. It's a busy road and can be quite treacherous in the winter.

We Need Senior Friendly Transportation Apps

Innisfil Transit (AKA Uber) is not very senior friendly. My mother has constant problems with the App. And no customer service to contact. Several times she has ordered only to have the app default back to Uber X, not Innisfil Transit. No way for her to cancel the trip. Twice she has been charged for a trip where no car showed up after waiting over 45 minutes. She is so frustrated with the company and the lack of service she now she gets someone else to order it up and pays them cash to put against their credit card.

Road Surfaces and Closures on 6th, 7th and IBR

This summer and fall have seen unprecedented road closures particularly east west routes. It is impossible to travel in a straight line between St. John's Road and the 10th line. Road surfaces are poor on all three roads. The only decent roads to Alcona are from the north and the south. If you are arriving from the west (400) you will be subjected to rough, narrow, detour strewn roads. One hopes that in future, before initiating necessary repairs or maintenance, more thought is put into assuring that at least one decent route is available into town.

Not Pedestrian Friendly

We have many areas of Innisfil that lack sidewalks. Gilford is one area that doesn't have any sidewalks and in the winter with all the cars parked for ice fishing season it is dangerous as pedestrians (including children walking from the school bus) are forced to walk in traffic. I'm sure there is a way to manage storm water run off while making room for sidewalks.

Cookstown Bicycle Lane

It would be great to have a bicycle lane from Charlie Brown plaza to the public school on highway 27.



Parking Around Goodfellow Public School

1. There is NO parking on 9th line both East and West of the driveway of Goodfellow P.S. Cars are parking along the road again, and you cannot see traffic coming when exiting the school driveway. Why isn't this enforced? Please put a police officer to ticket cars and vehicles DAILY.

2. Cars parking along Wallace Ave to take children to Goodfellow P.S. should not be blocking driveways and also should not be parking so close to the 9th line intersection. It congests traffic on Wallace Ave and also prevents traffic moving westerly on 9th line. This should also be enforced DAILY on school days throughout the year.

Cookstown Central Public School is a Nightmare for Parents

The roads and maintenance in and around Cookstown Central Public School has been an absolutely treacherous experience from the first day I had to drop off and pick up my children. There is not enough shoulder space for parents to safely put their children in the car and there is a very large ditch beside where the cars park that requires a barrier yet all of this has been ignored by the town, the city and the county. There is also an issue with parents crossing the road with their children as many trucks drive up and down highway 27, people do not want to stop for parents crossing and overall it's a stress-inducing experience for both the drivers and the parents. There has been little to no thought given to the type of obstacles that come with the snow, as well as snow maintenance, with their stroller when crossing the street (with or without snow) traffic is held up indefinitely as there is not enough space for one to safely get to the sidewalk from the other side of the road. It is a shame that the city has not put more sidewalks, a walkway and a traffic stop in this children-dense area where there are many mothers carrying infants to and from the school.

2096 Webster Boulevard

INNISFIL beach Rd and Webster - They should do something about informing the drivers to be more careful and slow down most specially in the morning and in the afternoon when kids are going to school and going home from school. Drivers don't stay on the line before turning. They wait in front of them, so close to the people crossing. They don't care. It's like they are telling people to hurry up. Doesn't matter if there are kids. Drivers turning right or turning left are not being careful. I hope nothing bad happens before something gets done. I see the police sometimes but when the police is gone everything goes again. And one more thing, sometimes drivers going towards the school, on this said intersection (on IBR) don't wait for the lights to turn green. I think before something happened that the lights didn't turned green and now they assume that there's something wrong with the lights there that they don't wait for it to turn green anymore. It's like they've gotten used to it. So they just drive before it turns green. That's the only explanation I could think of why they don't wait for the lights to turn green. I take my kids to school, I see what's happening in that intersection, and when I talk to people crossing we all feel worried crossing that intersection. Also drivers from Webster turning left on IBR are driving way too fast because they want to make their turn.

SCHOOL ZONE STORIES

Webster

What is happening on Webster? I understand that the town is putting in bike lanes, but the new lines on Webster south of IBR are incredibly confusing! Also, is anything being looked at regarding slowing the traffic flow? With no stop signs or crosswalks from IBR over to Jans, vehicles are constantly exceeding, and not by just a little, the posted limits.

Jan's Blvd Bicycle lanes Introduction and Pavement Markings Re-alignment

As a strong cyclist who uses the facilities available in our town I am very much concerned about the new bike lanes and pavement markings on Jans Blvd. When viewing the lines and with what appears to be parking on both sides of the road, it looks like the center line is being moved. With it being moved my concern is that the space being provided puts the cyclist in harms way. Any large vehicle or transport truck entering the subdivision does not allow for the space that is required according to the law. Hopefully the contractor doing the job knows what the law is for cyclist. All cyclist should not have to ride these streets in fear.

9th Line

We use the 9th line a minimum of twice a day 2 vehicles. When is this road going to be repaired between the 25th & 20th? This five and dime cheap repair that was done was the biggest waste of money. Just like the islands on the IBR.

IBR & 20th Side Road. Something needs to be done!

Why not have traffic lights there? Widen IBR to West of tracks. Reduce speed limit to 40 from plaza lights to other side of new lights, and sync lights so that the Eastbound light at plaza gets a go ahead flashing green, so that the traffic from 20th SB doesn't get backed up into the intersection. 1 traffic light at 20th SB & IBR and another after the tracks at NB 20th & IBR. THIS shouldn't be difficult to do, and make that intersection safer in my opinion. Please do not put the barrier up on IBR at the 20th. I read that the C of S advised you that they were doing that. Please fight them on it. Please stop the County of Simcoe from putting the no left turn barrier up on IBR at the 20th.

Handicap Parking

The beach at the end of Mapleview Dr does not have handicap parking. Why can you not add two spots beside the fence on the road by the entrance. The parking is minimal in the small parking lot and one has to travel over a small dirt pathway to get to the beach. And for some disabilities this is cumbersome.

Bus Transit

I think having bus transportation is a must. I have growing kids who would need transportation to get to school, mall and work. Elderly who can use it for doc appointment, YMCA. And as the population is growing bus transit would be ideal.

More sidewalks please!!!

I live on 7th line and my two kids go to Lake Simcoe PS. We are not eligible to have school bus because we have to live at least 1.5km away from school. Our house to School is 1.4km. But my kids cannot walk to school because there isn't any side walk from St. Johns to Webster Blvd. So I drive them to school everyday. I really wish there will be sidewalk here in the near future. Also, people still walk on road at night when there's no street lights. I'm a night worker, I go to work at dark and come back at dark. There are few times that people on the street startled me when driving. So much appreciated if there are street lights and sidewalks. Thank you very much!

Highway 89- Cookstown

Please add a pedestrian walkway or lights for the parking lot of Tim Hortons and home hardware (Cookstown). The road is too busy for families and kids to across the road safely.



No access to public pools for rehabilitation

I was going to comment on the story that is already posted about transit and more sidewalks but neither of those would work for me, although I do agree with them. I have a problem with not being able to access any form of rehabilitation without being dependent on someone for a ride to the rec center and even then the walk from the door of the rec center to the change room and then to the pool is excruciatingly painful for me. Perhaps if I was able to get to the pool, on my scooter, so that I can float and try some light aqua therapy I may be able to one day walk to my mail box again. It is very depressing knowing that I have a membership for just that reason yet I cant use it. Just to be able to float I have been told would really help with my chronic pain. But I cant get there and a sidewalk is not an option unless you are leveling all the stones. Ever take a scooter on the sidewalk when you are already in pain???? Being jarred and bumped, I have the best shocks on my scooter and I still cant handle it. A bike path up to the rec center so that our disabled, elderly, and teenagers can access it without needing a ride would be such a wonderful thing to help with the health of our community!

Wheelchair Accessibility

The town needs more wheelchair accessible options when it comes to tourism, transportation, and businesses.

7th Line Beach

This is a request to make the 7th Line Beach bigger. Since the town does not allow parking at the road end beach, why not move the barriers closer to the road just before the private driveway and make this beach more inviting to residents. The bottom of the 4th Line was improved years ago with the help of a community group I believe. Perhaps this could happen again?

7th Line Improvement

I would like to add to the requests to improve the 7th Line. I enjoy riding my road bike around town, and while bicycle lanes are great, at the very least a smooth road would be appreciated. The 7th Line is absolutely the worst!!! It's impossible to avoid the rough parts of the road and with a road bike it's impossible to ride on the shoulder. Please add this road as a priority. With the 6th Line closed and the 8th Line under construction, this is the only road to conveniently use. If we want to be Active Innisfil, then let's allow residents to do so safely.

Maple Road - just another 2-lane highway

My mom lived on Maple Rd between the 5th & 6th Lines. At 80 years old, she stopped driving. No transit, no sidewalks and no Super Boxes to receive/send mail and the closest Post Office 4 km away. Terrible traffic and speeding on Maple Rd makes it very unsafe to walk/ride even with new bike lanes. Beautiful area but something to think about Town of Innisfil for seniors and young families.

20th Side Road & Innisfil Beach Road

The intersection at the 20th side road and Innisfil Beach Road by the No Frills is getting extremely busy and is dangerous during rush hour. The plans to improve this intersection need to be put into place before all of the new homes are built. Turning left to head East on IBR causes traffic to back up on the 20th and people lose their patience waiting. this along with the traffic backing up at the train tracks when cars are waiting to turn left and head south on the 20th is very frustrating.

Race track of St. Johns

I find it ridiculous that when paving St Johns, no side walks where installed. The town is aware of the speeding problem on St. Johns since they installed the speed signs. Why was a major road leading to our town resources, job and shops not equipped with pedestrian safety in mind? At the very least, adding one or two stop signs will decrease the speeding along St Johns. Also please, please, please install a stop sign at St. Johns and 7th line. What will it take before it becomes a 4 way stop? Death. I have see so many near misses with people or cars. I hope my input is actually considered.



Bring in Buses already!!

As a mom of 3 teens and one who is high functioning special needs we NEED at least ONE public transit bus in town to link us with the Barrie transit system. Minimum to get to the train station on Yonge St. Not all people drive, and not everyone can afford the ridiculous cab fares into Barrie. And I'm sorry but I do not feel safe sending my kids anywhere in an Uber. Don't we teach kids to not get rides from strangers? Learning how to use public transit is a life skill everyone should know. My daughter can't even apply for the special needs course at Georgian College because she has no way of getting there. I can't afford a daily Uber or taxi. And I'm sorry saying Innisfil has public transportation is a false statement... it does not. Taxis and Uber are not public transit. Buses and trains are. Innisfil is growing so much it's time for the buses to be brought in.

Public Comment: I'm very happy with uber and have never felt unsafe in an uber. I hear you though... maybe one bus from Innisfil Beach Road to Barrie South GO which has buses to and from Barrie.

Speeding on St. Johns

I live on st. John's speedway. While I appreciate there may be practical issues with installing speed bumps (like impeding emergency services using the road to get to someone in need), there must be an alternative to the absolutely nothing we are doing now. The turn at 7th and St. John's is a nightmare. This would be a great spot for a 4-way stop.

Additionally, I have tried, without success to get bylaw to enforce the no parking signs on the side of the road with the pedestrian walkway. I'm not sure why anybody thinks it is a paved shoulder, however, there are very few 'no parking' signs and absolutely no enforcement. I have a child who must ride, run, or walk out into an active lane of traffic to get around parked cars. It is absurd!

I have a habit of taking my dog out in the wee hours of the morning for a run about the neighbourhood. Whenever possible, I avoid the sidewalks in the subdivision (around Anna Maria) for two reasons: 1 in winter, the sidewalks are often in terrible condition compared to the street with uneven snow/ ice build up; ice; etc. And 2) the trees that were planted along those roads are all shorter than the lamp posts. The trees block 100% of the lighting making it very difficult to see (for me) where I'm stepping and also, potentially, putting me at greater risk of someone hiding in the shadows and surprising me. The road tends to get a lot more light as the tree canopy can only stretch so far. (Don't get me wrong, I love trees. But will these dwarf below the lights forever? That subdivision is 20 years old. These trees should be at their max height?). There are also roads south of 7th line, adjacent to St. John's without any street lighting at all! I light myself and the dog for safety and I keep a headlamp on... But sometimes it is just too spooky. Especially when there are reports of bears wandering through Alcona in spring...

Last, on the discussion regarding trails - the Simcoe County forest management site has tons (tons!) of forest tracks around the county that are for the mixed use of our residents. They are exceptional! Some are small, some are long. Some are well travelled, others nealected and wild. Sadly, most are informal garbage dumps. What they almost universally have in common though... They aren't in Innisfil! They are more so found on the outskirts of Barrie (with a very small selection in Innisfil/ Bradford). I realize that the county controls those, but, I would absolutely love to have a wild, desolate forest to walk through HERE. And I don't mean a tiny, paved path with trimmed grass and soccer fields around it. I would happily help break trail if the town had a plot of land that could be used for such a purpose. It just makes me sad to have to drive 40min+ away so that I can have a quiet morning walk with my dog. Variety is the spice of life, so walking the Wood lot on 25th repeatedly is just insufficient.

