**AT END OF CHNA BLOG HEADER (i.e. The Civic Hospital Neighbourhood Association (CHNA) is a volunteer, non-profit community group)**

CAMPAIGN ALERT: CHNA is campaigning to make the speed limit on residential streets 40 kilometres per hour. You can help. To find out more, read the April 2012 posting below and join our Facebook group *CHNA 40 km Campaign - Take back the Streets* by going to:https://www.facebook.com/groups/207781535997754/

**CHNA BLOG MESSAGE #2**

**Don't forget the CHNA 40 km Campaign Launch and Orientation**

**When:** Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at 7:00 pm

**Where:** Civic Hospital Theatre (up the stairs from the Hospital’s main entrance)

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**Why:** The CHNA is spearheading a campaign to lower the speed limit
on some of our streets to 40 km/h due to safety and quality-of life
concerns. Come find out more.

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**CHNA BLOG MESSAGE #1**

**CHNA 40km Campaign - Take Back the Streets**

Feel like your street belongs to cars, not people? Tired of having vehicles speed through your community? Worried about your children or the neighbourhood kids as cars and trucks zoom by? Want to know what you can do to make your street safer and more people friendly?

Join the Civic Hospital Neighbourhood Association's (CHNA's) campaign to make the speed limit on our streets 40 kilometres per hour.

The CHNA Traffic Committee has determined that this issue is a priority and the CHNA is currently working on the following streets:

* Fairmont
* Kenilworth
* Bayswater
* Loretta
* Hickory
* Beech
* Sherwood\*

You can help by adding your street to this list.

**How to help**

1. Email CHNA Traffic Committee chair Peter Eady and let him know you would like to petition the City to make the speed limit on your street 40 km per hour (peady23@sympatico.ca).
2. Read the City of Ottawa's instructions for requesting a 40 km/hour speed limit on your street by way of a petition. See below.
3. Find out if neighbours are willing to help you go door-to-door with the petition. Let CHNA Traffic Committee chair Peter Eady know if you need assistance (peady23@sympatico.ca).

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**City of Ottawa's Instructions for Requesting a 40 km/hour Speed Limit on your Street**

The City of Ottawa offers residents the ability to request, by means of a petition, a reduction in the speed limit to 40 km/h on streets designated as ‘local residential’ in the City of Ottawa Transportation Master Plan 2008. To qualify, there must be a consensus of 66 per cent of residents on the entire street.

There are three steps involved in the process:

**Step 1 – Confirm your street qualifies as a ‘local residential street’**

Contact the Traffic Inquiry Desk by e-mail at traffic@ottawa.ca, call 613-580-2424, extension 27777.

**Note:** If your street is not designated as a ‘local residential street’, you may request a speed limit review to determine if the posted speed limit is appropriate. To request a review, contact the Traffic Inquiry Desk and your concerns will be forwarded to a Traffic Assessment Specialist who will assess your request.

**Step 2 – Petition**

The Traffic Inquiry desk will generate the petition (including all affected addresses) and forward it to you for completion. Once completed, please forward to:

City of Ottawa
Traffic Inquiry Desk
100 Constellation Crescent
Nepean, ON K2G 6J8
Mail Code: 26-63
Fax: 613-560-6069   Attention TIS

**Step 3 – Review and Implementation**

Upon receipt of the petition, your request will be assigned to a Traffic Assessment Specialist who will then send the request to the Ward Councillor for their concurrence. Once this is received, a work order will be issued and the 40 km/h speed limit signs should be installed within approximately one month.

Please note that a speed limit sign is required after every cross street and therefore this may result in the installation of a 40km/h speed limit sign on your property frontage.

Source: http://ottawa.ca/en/roads\_trans/driving/traffic/40k/

*\*Sherwood is not classified as a residential street, but CHNA is nevertheless working to get the City to make the speed limit 40 km/hour.*