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The Honourable Mike Farnworth
Minister of Transportation and Transit
Via email: TT.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Dear Minister Farnworth:

RE: REQUEST FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF 30KM/HR SPEED LIMIT - GANGES VILLAGE

Through a recommendation made by the Capital Regional District (CRD) Salt Spring Island (SSI) Local Community Commission (LCC), and on behalf of the CRD Board, I write to advocate that the Ministry of Transportation and Transit (MoTT) implement a consistent 30 km/hr speed limit throughout the Ganges village core.

We appreciate MoTT's recent action to reduce speed limits to 30 km/hr on Fulford–Ganges Road and on Lower Ganges Road from Seaview Avenue to Park Drive through to the Ganges core. These changes have been well received by residents and visitors and have contributed to improved safety and comfort for pedestrians, cyclists, transit users, and motorists.

To build on this progress, the SSI LCC recommends extending the 30 km/hr limit to the remaining key streets within the Ganges core to create a coherent, predictable, and safer transportation environment. Specifically, it is requested that the Ministry designate a 30 km/hr speed limit on:

- Rainbow Road, from Lower Ganges Road to the Rainbow Recreation Centre
- Jackson Avenue
- Hereford Avenue
- McPhillips Avenue
- Seaview Avenue

These streets form the primary internal circulation network of Ganges village and are heavily used by pedestrians, including seniors, families, schoolchildren, and individuals accessing essential services. The current mix of speed limits creates inconsistency and reduces the effectiveness of the Ministry's recent safety improvements. A unified 30 km/hr zone would better reflect the village's compact, pedestrian-oriented character, and support the community's long-standing goals for traffic calming, active transportation, and road safety.

We believe that this request aligns with the Ministry's broader objectives of improving safety in rural and unincorporated communities and is consistent with the collaborative approach outlined in the CRD Board's [March 25, 2025, letter](#) regarding speed limits in the Electoral Areas.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Cliff McNeil-Smith
CRD Board Chair

cc: CRD Board
SSI Local Community Commission, CRD
Ted Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer, CRD