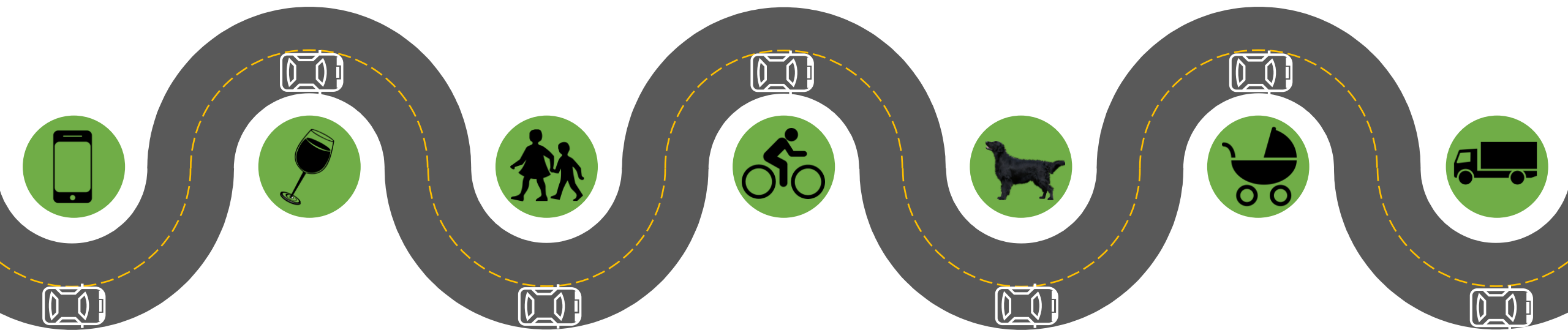


Safety on Tiny Beaches Road

A Tiny Cottager Survey by FoTTSA, Summer 2020



Survey Details

- 10 question anonymous SurveyMonkey survey from July 4 – 23, 2020
- Sent to 1237 readers via FoTTSA Flash, social media & our site
- 455 readers responded = 37%
- Over 1500 written comments
- Full results including all comments available at *tinycottager.org*

Safety

- Over **37%** of residents feel unsafe or very unsafe on Tiny Beaches Road
- Another **40%** feel unsafe on summer weekends

“I won't ride my bike on TBRS until the fall when traffic subsides.”

“The **speed limit** appears to be a request or suggestion rather than **the law**... Also dangerous is the number of **cars temporarily parked** dropping off beach goers thereby cutting down visibility and lane space for moving vehicles and ultimately making a joyous walk even more dangerous.”

“We can no longer let the kids and teens bike on the road as it's simply too dangerous. There is **not really any room for pedestrians and bikers**; due to the nature of the road it cannot be widened.”

Speed

- **96%** of respondents feel speeding is a problem sometimes or all the time

“Most drivers are respectful but as a pedestrian and dog walker I feel I always have to watch out for bad and distracted behaviour. Summertime is the worst, but low traffic in other seasons encourages some drivers to exceed the speed limit, often significantly.”

“Younger people and older people with sports cars are biggest offenders. Other big offenders are those driving Tiny Township vehicles.”

“Maniacs on the weekend.”

Top concerns after speeding:

- vehicles not yielding to cyclists & pedestrians
- narrow or no shoulder/poison ivy
- blind spots at corners, curves & hills
- poor condition of road/shoulder for cyclists & mobility devices

Stop signs

- 53% of respondents believe more all-way stop signs would slow down drivers and increase safety
- 45% don't agree

16% specifically called out the need for **all-way stop signs** at TBRS and Concession Road 5 and/or Jones Road and/or Trew Avenue

“People are not going to go all the way down to the street to cross the street at a crosswalk when they can cross in front of their home and get access to the beach. This would be a huge waste of time and money.”

“Don't want to advertise where our beach access is... this past weekend we had 8 people from Toronto stop to ask how to access the beach and where to park.”




Crosswalks

- **68%** DO NOT want crosswalks on TBR
- **30%** would like crosswalks opposite beach access points
- **16%** would like a crosswalk at Jones and/or Trew Avenue

Trouble spots

- Intersection of **Tripp Lane** & TBRS
- Speeding & lack of an all-way stop at the Intersection of **TBRS/Concession Rd 4 & Crosslands/County 29**
- Speeding on the straight-away stretch of **TBRS north of the 5th** causing dangerous intersections with side streets
- Intersections of **Durie St & Skylark Rd** with TBRS
- **Jackson Point Park** exit
- Lack of visibility at the Intersection of **Concession Road 9 & TBRS**
- Speed/volume of cars & lack of visibility combined with the number of pedestrians crossing at **Balm Beach**
- Speeding on TBRN between **Concession Roads 15 & 16**
- Intersections of TBRN with **Jules Leger & Marchand**
- **Lafontaine Beach Park** exit





“I feel that too much signage just becomes an eyesore and people tend to not see it after a while. Especially the private lawn signs.”

“Maybe people should take more responsibility for the way they walk, the way they ride their bikes, and for teaching their children road safety skills.”

“I hate speed humps because they work.”

What would help

- 58% want movable solar “**Your Speed**” signs
- 57% want more speed limit **enforcement by the OPP**
- 40% want **removable speed humps** (summer only)

Traffic noise

“It is the motorcycles that come as groups of 6 or 10 or more. Tiny Beaches is a favourite route.”

- **28%** are bothered by traffic noise a moderate amount
- **12%** are bothered a lot
- **17%** are bothered a great deal

“To the point we may sell. We no longer hear the waves.”

“During the pandemic shut down it was like living on the 401.”

Recommendations

Traffic calming

- A few key all-way stop signs (including concessions 4, 5 and 9, Skylark)
- Removable speed humps at key locations May to October – moved monthly
- Solar “your speed” signs May to October – moved monthly

Enforcement

- An OPP speed trap every summer weekend at a different trouble spot
- “Community Safety Zone” designations for the most dangerous segments of TBR between May and October (fines for speeding doubled)
- Increased OPP ticketing of vehicles, especially motorcycles, with modified or improper exhausts which cause excess muffler noise, especially summer weekends around Balm Beach
- Extra traffic by-law officers in the summer for illegal activities: stopping to drop off passengers, parking, ATVs and golf carts driven by minors



Recommendations

Pedestrian and traffic safety

- Eradication of poison ivy along TBR shoulders
- Repair of potholes and improved shoulder maintenance, especially at narrow spots

Education

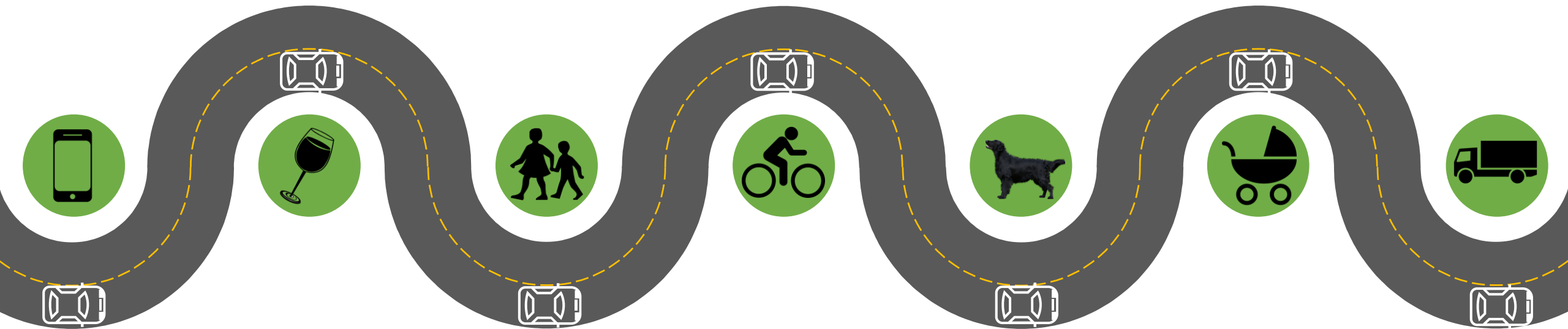
- **Share the Road** online campaign, printed with tax slips and at entry points to Tiny, amplified by FoTTSA, beach associations and local media
- Focus on road safety in youth programs – especially walking against traffic and in single file

Research

- Regular collection and publication of traffic data by Tiny (volume, speed, incidents) with priority for locations highlighted in the survey (requested by **82%** of respondents)
- Study of passenger drop offs at beach access points – by whom, from where?
- Study about making some narrow segments of TBR one way

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