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Hello

I don't claim to be an expert on policing and have very few interactions with police but there is one part of policing I have been able to observe that is a waste of precious human resources: Radar Traps.

More often than not these are not located near dangerous intersections or high accident areas but

rather in place where it is easier to catch people because of street design or lack of adequate signage.

Three examples.

1: Coming down the Claremont access the speed limit goes from 70 to 50 with only two standard size signs warning of the speed change

I have seen officers operating radar at the foot of the access near King Street which is in fact a dangerous place to stop cars.

King and Victoria is definitely a dangerous corner . Why does the traffic department not invest in better signage such as an electronic

"your-speed" sign where the limit becomes 50 or a reduction in the down bound speed limit. Only after the maximum design changes have been done should the police be sent in if people continue to speed.

2. King Street west going across the bridge toward Macklin Street. This is a radar honey trap. I notice that there have been more and larger speed limit signs put up but the police love to use this stretch for radar traps because there is a nice place to hide on the west side not because Macklin and King is a dangerous intersection.

3 Wilfred at Burlington Street. Here Burlington Street is a wide open 5 lane road with clear visibility. The speed limit eastbound and westbound from Wentworth is 50 km although the design of the street encourages higher speed. There is a good reason to have a 50k limit here as there are many truck turning including fuel trucks but again the stretch is poorly signed with no electronic speed signs or flashing lights warning of trucks turning. This creates another honey trap for

officers having a slow day who like to park at Wilfred and catch the eastbound traffic.

I'll bet there has never been a radar trap on the downtown part of the one-way Main Street thoroughway that has been a source of many accidents.

I am sure there are other examples where the radar site is set up more for police convenience than public good.

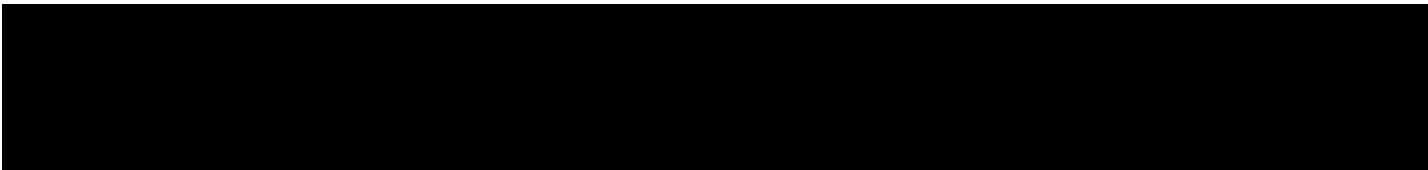
Police are always asking for more personnel but one wonders what is going on when a large number of officers show up at what appears to be relatively minor incidents. As a member of the public I often wonder if they just crowd in to be part of the action.

Also there appears to be few resources dedicated to so called minor crimes like bicycle theft.

One more personal experience.

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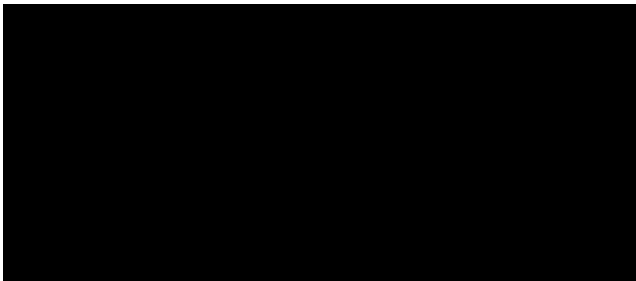
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There should be a way of avoiding any conflict of interest when a city vehicle is involved in a accident.

This is more of a policy issue than a budget issue.

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I do not wish to make a submission in person