

# Town of Pendleton



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March 6, 2019

Christopher Schregel  
Traffic Safety Coordinator  
Amherst Traffic Safety Board  
1100 North Forest Road  
Williamsville, NY 14221

RE: Tonawanda Creek Road and New Road-  
Request for an all-way stop to improve area's pedestrian safety  
ATSB Item 1; March 2019

Dear Mr. Schregel and Members of the Amherst Traffic Safety Board:

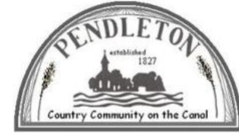
Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to communicate concerns regarding ATSB Item 1; March 2019. I want to convey that I am in full support of a thorough examination of an all-way stop to improve pedestrian safety at the intersection of Tonawanda Creek and New Roads.

Based upon the data counts collected in February 2019 over a 5 day period between 2/4/19-2/8/19, (major street) New road meets the vehicle threshold (317) required to warrant an all way stop. The data suggests a variety of interesting factors, I wish to highlight a couple of these for your attention:

- The majority of traffic counts are vehicles traveling northbound on New Road into Pendleton, (Niagara County).
- The highest concentration of traffic recorded is between the hours of 7am-10am; and 3pm-8pm, accordingly.

Although, the data suggests that the traffic volume on Tonawanda Creek does not meet the threshold for an all way stop, I offer the following environmental considerations that should also be considered to properly assess the safety of this intersection.

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## Environmental Considerations:

1. The recent development in the Niagara County/ Erie County corridor with an annex to the NYS Canal Bike Trail connecting Amherst and Pendleton is planned to be completed by July 2019. This new development will increase pedestrian/bike traffic to the area. The need to slow traffic and alert vehicle operators for increased pedestrian safety is imperative at this uniquely situated corridor between Amherst and Pendleton. The current study fails to account for the increased pedestrian traffic that is imminent.

2. Notwithstanding the increase of pedestrian activity due to the trail, the corridor brings large amounts of pedestrians and onlookers by virtue of the numerous attractions offered by Buffalo Heritage Village and Uncle G'S Ice Cream, which independently bring about crowds of hundreds throughout the spring, summer, and fall months.

By virtue of the anticipated increase of social, and leisurely activities, the area will attract more people. Serious consideration to an all way stop is warranted in order to help mitigate an already dangerous traffic condition. My intent is to enact a resolution to offer full town board support of this letter at our March 11, 2019 meeting.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my concerns and taking into consideration some additional factors that justify favorable board action to help safeguard our communities, residents, and visitors, alike. Please feel free to contact me at (716)417-7195, if I can be of any further assistance. I look forward to our continued partnership and working together in the months ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd T. Ostrowski". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small dot at the end.

Todd T. Ostrowski  
Town Councilman