

## Request for Decision

### School Zone Speed Limits - Secondary Schools

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### Recommendation

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury reduce the speed limit to 40 km/h on the roadways listed in Exhibit 'A' in the report dated June 25, 2014 from the General Manager of Infrastructure Services regarding School Zone Speed Limits - Secondary Schools due to the presence of secondary schools;

AND THAT the sign installation be funded from the 2014 Traffic Calming Budget;

AND THAT a by-law be presented to amend Traffic and Parking By-law 2010-1 in the City of Greater Sudbury to implement the recommended changes in accordance with the said report.

### Finance Implications

If approved, the expenditures will be funded through the 2014 Capital Budget.

## Background

To deal with numerous requests to reduce the speed limit near schools, City Council adopted a School Zone Speed Reduction policy in 2001 and further revised the policy in 2009. The approved policy states the following:

That staff be directed to bring to the attention of City Council requests for speed reduction zones adjacent to schools based on the following considerations:

- That a school speed zone be installed at schools with primary grade aged students.
- That the school speed zone be limited to residential streets or residential collector streets.
- That the maximum speed of the roadways considered for school speed zones be 50 km/h.
- That if schools are closed, the speed limit will revert back to 50 km/h.
- That only those requests that meet the above four criteria be brought forward by staff to City Council for consideration.

All elementary schools which qualify under the approved policy have been approved to have speed reductions

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implemented. At the March 17, 2014 Operations Committee meeting, staff was directed to investigate reducing speed limits in the areas of secondary schools as well.

To determine a policy for secondary schools, a review of the best practices of 18 Ontario municipalities was completed. Eleven of the 18 municipalities reduced speed limits in the area of secondary schools. Each municipality used different criteria to determine if speed limit reductions would be allowed. It is recommended that the City of Greater Sudbury reduce speed limits in the areas of secondary schools based on the following considerations:

- That the school speed zone be limited to residential streets or residential collector streets.
- That the maximum speed of the roadways considered for school speed zones be 50 km/h.
- That if schools are closed, the speed limit will revert back to 50 km/h.

There are 17 secondary schools within the City of Greater Sudbury. Six of these schools already have 40 km/h speed limits implemented due to the close proximity of an elementary school.

City staff used the recommended policy to review the remaining 11 secondary schools. Nine of the 11 schools qualify under the proposed policy. The recommended speed limit reductions are outlined in Exhibit 'A.' It is estimated that the cost for the installation of the 34 signs required to implement the recommended speed limit reductions will be \$11,000. This will be funded from the 2014 Traffic Calming budget.

The two schools which did not qualify under the recommended policy are as follows:

1. Confederation Secondary School – This school is situated on Main Street (M.R. 15) in Val Caron. M.R. 15 has a posted speed limit of 60 km/h and is classified as a primary arterial roadway.
2. Ecole secondaire Macdonald-Cartier – This school is situated on LaSalle Boulevard. LaSalle Boulevard is classified as a secondary arterial roadway.

# EXHIBIT 'A'

## Recommended Secondary School Zone Speed Reductions (Sorted by Ward)

Name	Ward	Roadway	From	To
Lively District Secondary School	2	Fifth Avenue	Sixth Avenue	A Street
École secondaire Champlain	3	Brookside Road	Errington Avenue	St.Onge Street
St. Charles College	7	Hawthorne Drive	West Leg of Claudia Court	East End of Hawthorne Drive
Lasalle Secondary School	8	Kennedy Street	Barrydowne Road	East End of Kennedy Street
		Lamothe Street	Paquette Street	West End of Lamothe Street
Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School	10	Loach's Road	90 metres East of Lady Ashley Court	Millwood Crescent
College Notre-Dame	12	Tanguay Avenue	Levis Street	South End of Tanguay Avenue
		Levis Street	Montcalm Avenue	East End of Levis Street
		Bloor Street	Montcalm Avenue	Levis Street
École secondaire du Sacré-Coeur	12	Kathleen Street	Notre Dame Avenue	100 metres west of Brebeuf Avenue
Marymount Academy	12	Montcalm Avenue	Levis Street	South End of Montcalm Avenue
		D'Youville Street	Levis Street	South End of D'Youville Street
Sudbury Secondary School	12	Davidson Street	College Street	Mackenzie Street
		College Street	Frood Street	Ghandi Lane
		Baker Street	45 metres east of Landsdowne Street	Montcalm Avenue