

Request for Decision

School Zone Speed Limits

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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' due to the presence of schools with primary grade aged students;

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 report from the General Manager of Infrastructure Services dated March 26, 2014 regarding School Zone Speed Limits.

Finance Implications

If approved, the \$19,000 cost for signage will be funded from the 2014 Traffic calming budget.

Background

At the January 20, 2014 Operations Committee meeting, a recommendation was passed "That the City of Greater Sudbury direct staff to fund the change in school speed limits by the 2014 Traffic Calming Budget and complete the changes by the end of 2014."

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.

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- 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.

City staff have reviewed the speed limits of roadways at the remaining 19 schools which qualify under the approved policy and recommend that speed limits be reduced as outlined in Exhibit 'A'. The limits for School Zone Speed limits are generally within 150 metres of the school or the nearest stop controlled intersection. It is estimated that the cost for the installation of the 59 signs required to implement the recommended speed limit reductions will be \$19,000. This will be funded from the 2014 Traffic Calming budget.

Two of the elementary schools within the City of Greater Sudbury do not qualify for school zone speed limits:

1. Larchwood Public School – This school is situated on Highway 144 in Dowling. Highway 144 is under the jurisdiction of the Province of Ontario.
2. École Jean-Paul II – This school is situated on Main Street (M.R. 15) in Val Caron. M.R. 15 is classified as a primary arterial roadway and does not qualify under the approved policy.

At the March 17, 2014 Operations Committee meeting, staff was directed to investigate reducing speed limits in the areas of secondary schools. This will be discussed in a future report to the Operations Committee.

EXHIBIT: A

Recommended School Zone Speed Reductions (Sorted by Ward)

Name	Ward	Roadway	From	To
École publique Helene-Gravel	1	Stephen Street	Southview Drive	Robinson Drive
St. Francis School	1	Lilac Street	McLeod Street	South End
		St. Clair Street	Lawson Street	McLeod Street
R.H. Murray Public School	2	Henry Street	Bay Street	Anne Street
		Anne Street	Henry Street	Elizabeth Street
		Elizabeth Street	Anne Street	West End
Alliance St-Joseph	3	Errington Avenue	Main Street	Sauve Avenue
École St-Etienne	3	Houle Avenue	Arlington Drive	95 metres south of Riverside Drive
Levack Public School	3	High Street	Larch Street	620 metres north of M.R. 8
Landsdowne Public School	4	Baker Street	College Street	Frood Road
		Frood Road	College Street	Ghandi Lane
		Lansdowne Street	Frood Road	Ghandi Lane
St. David School	4	Jean Street	Frood Road	Monck Street
		Dupont Street	Frood Road	Monck Street
Northeastern Elementary School	7	Spruce Street	Falconbridge Highway	Church Street
St. John School	7	William Avenue	Birch Street	245 metres north of Falconbridge Highway
Churchill Public School	8	Fielding Street	Auger Avenue	Deleware Avenue
École publique Jean-Ethier-Blais	8	Sylvio Street	Lasalle Boulevard	North End
École St-Dominique	8	Montfort Street	Gary Avenue	East End
École Notre-Dame de la Merci and St. Paul School	9	Edward Avenue	Concession Street	North End
Ruth MacMillan Centre	10	Kirkwood Drive	Ramsey Lake Road	320 metres north of Ramsey Lake Road
École Felix-Ricard	12	Starlight Street	Lasalle Boulevard	South End
École St Joseph	12	Bruyere Street	Morin Avenue	East End
St. Andrew School	12	Holland Road	Woodbine Avenue	Sparks Street
		Arvo Avenue	Sparks Street	North End
		Lamothe Street	Leon Avenue	Barry Downe Road