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Request for Decision

School Zone Speed Limit - Pius XII School

Recommendation

That the speed limit on Third Avenue from Hebert Street to Bancroft Drive, be reduced to 40 km/h due to the presence of Pius XII School, and;

That a by-law be passed by City Council to amend Traffic and Parking By-Law 2010-1 in the City of Greater Sudbury to implement the recommended change all in accordance with the report from the General Manager of Infrastructure Services dated October 9, 2012.

Background

The City's Traffic and Transportation Engineering Section received a request from Ward 11 Councillor, Terry Kett, to institute a school zone speed limit in the area of Pius XII School.

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 40 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.

Piux XII School is a primary grade aged school situated at the corner of Bancroft Drive and Third Avenue in Ward 11 (see **Exhibit 'A'**). Bancroft Drive is classified as a secondary arterial roadway while Third Avenue is classified as a

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residential collector roadway. Both roadways have a maximum speed limit of 50 km/h.

As per Council's policy, Bancroft Drive does not qualify for a school zone speed because it is classified as a secondary arterial roadway. However, since Third Avenue is classified as a collector roadway, staff recommends that the speed limit on Third Avenue from Bancroft Drive to Hebert Street be reduced to 40 km/h.

At the direction of the Operations Committee, staff will bring forward a budget option to cover the cost of signs to implement 40 km/h school zone speed limits at the remaining 21 schools that qualify, as part of the 2013 Budget process.

EXHIBIT: A

