

Traffic and Parking By-Law Update Due to Recent School Closures

Background

It was brought to the attention of the Traffic and Asset Management section that Pinecrest Public School on Dominion Drive has been closed (Exhibit A). The 40 km/h school zone speed limits and designated school bus loading zone are still in effect for this area.

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.

As per the City's policy, staff recommends that the school zone speed limits on Dominion Drive, Lillian Street and Laroque Street be removed and the speed limits be returned to 50 km/h.

Also, staff recommends that the school bus loading zones that had been designated on Dominion and Lillian Street be removed.

While reviewing the Traffic and Parking By-Law 2010-1, staff noted that the designated school bus loading zones for three previously closed schools had not been removed from the By-Law. Staff recommends the designated school bus loading zones for the former St. Andrew School, St. Bernadette School and St. Mary School be removed.