



TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON

REPORT

Item No.

REPORT TO: Reeve Vincent and Members of Council
PREPARED BY: Jeff Molenhuis
DATE: 05/12/2016
SUBJECT: Community Safety Zone Consideration
ATTACHMENTS: Community Safety Zone Map

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby reduces the speed designated as part of a highway under its jurisdiction as a Community Safety Zone if, in the Council's opinion, public safety is of special concern on that part of the highway;

AND FURTHER THAT the Clerk be directed to prepare the necessary amendments for Community Safety Zone in the areas in North Huron as per Schedule "L" of By-Law 39-2012 to reduce the current speed of 40km/hr to 30km/hr.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As a follow up to the November 7th Council meeting, the purpose of this report is to secure council approval to reduce the current speed of Schedule "L" as Community Safety Zone within the Township of North Huron to 30 km/hr. The current Community Safety Zones in North Huron are:

1. Diagonal Road between Victoria Street East to Carling Terrace
2. Carling Terrace between Victoria Street East to Diagonal Road
3. John Street East between Frances Street to Dead End at F.E. Madill Secondary School
4. Summit Drive between John Street North to Patrick Street
5. John Street - John Street from William Street South and westerly to William Street
6. William Street –William Street from John Street northerly to Patrick Street
7. Patrick Street – Patrick Street from William Street easterly to Leopold Street

DISCUSSION

A Community Safety Zone is to "inform drivers that they are entering a zone that the community has designated as an area where the safety of its children/citizens is paramount." In these zones, traffic offences committed are subject to increased fines.

There are sections of roadway where public safety is of special concern. Community Safety Zones may include roadways near schools, day care centres, playgrounds, parks, hospitals, senior citizen residences, and may also be used for collision prone areas within a community.

Currently under By-law 39-2012 a number of locations including school zones are designated as Community Safety Zones and are included in Schedule "L". The current speed limit of these locations is 40km/hr. The Chief's report noted that reducing the speed to 30km/hr would decrease the chance of serious injury or death by half in the event of a collision.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The financial impact is approximately \$1000 to install signage. This estimate includes Public Works staff time, equipment costs and sign material purchases in all Community Safety Zones locations.

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

No future considerations at this time.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 3 the Township is healthy and safe. Goal 4 the administration is fiscally responsible and strives for operational excellence.



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