



Infrastructure Services Memo

To: Council
From: Haley Bozanis, Engineering Technician
Subject: Summary of Traffic and Parking By-Law Amendments
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Purpose:

That the Council of the Township of Woolwich, considering a memorandum from Infrastructure Services dated November 18, 2024, respecting amendments to the Traffic and Parking By-law No. 70-2006, enact the proposed amendments by means of the by-laws as attached in Appendix A.

Background:

Infrastructure Services are responsible for corridor management throughout all Township of Woolwich road allowances and right-of-ways. Traffic is contained within corridor management, which can include the review of rates of speeds, traffic calming, traffic warrant studies, annual traffic counting program and the traffic and parking by-laws. Requests are received from stakeholders including but not limited to the general public, emergency services, and businesses. If the requests are warranted, the Township will proceed with amendments on a semi-annual basis, generally in the Spring and Fall.

Infrastructure Services brings forward the first annual amendment to The Township of Woolwich Traffic and Parking By-law No. 70-2006. This by-law contains amendments to Rates of Speed on Highways and School Zones in the Township of Woolwich.

Comments:

Elmira District Secondary School, located along Arthur Street South is bordered by Brubacher Street to the north, Snyder Avenue South to the west and Second Street to the south. Currently, Arthur Street South is the only surrounding street designated as a school zone, with a rate of speed of 40 km/hr.

The Highway Traffic Act (HTA) Part IX, Section 128 (5) states a municipality may “designate a portion of a highway under its jurisdiction that adjoins the entrance to or exit from a school and that is within 150 metres along the highway in either direction beyond

the limits of the land used for the purposes of the school, prescribe a rate of speed that is lower than the rate of speed otherwise prescribed”.

Elmira District Secondary School has entrances to and/or exits from Arthur Street South, Brubacher Street and Second Street, with Snyder Avenue South being the only adjoining street without an entrance or exit. Therefore, Infrastructure Services are proposing introducing school zones, with a rate of speed of 40 km/hr, along Second Street from Arthur Street South to Sugar King Drive and along Brubacher Street from Arthur Street South to Snyder Avenue South.

Given that Snyder Avenue South does not meet the HTA regulations to be designated as a school zone, Infrastructure Services are proposing to reduce the rate of speed to 40 km/hr, in order to ensure consistent speeds within the immediate vicinity of the school.

Attachments:

1. Appendix A – By-law XX-2024 – A By-law to Amend the Woolwich Township Traffic and Parking By-law No. 70-2006 regarding Rates of Speed on Highways and School Zones in the Township of Woolwich.