



COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

COMMITTEE REPORT

To: Chair and Members of the Roads Committee
From: Don Kudo, County Engineer
Date: Tuesday, January 11, 2022
Subject: Road MAP: Speed Management Guidelines – Community Safety Zones

Background:

At the September 14, 2021 Roads Committee meeting the Road MAP: Speed Management Guidelines – Revised report was received for information and the Speed Management Guidelines dated August 2021 were approved. The Committee approval included the main motion to be amended to add:

That Dillon Consulting consider adding an addendum to the Speed Management Guidelines with respect to the implementation of Community Safety Zones in major urban areas.

Dillon Consulting has completed a review of Community Safety Zones (CSZ) in the County's urban areas. This report and attached presentation summarizes the evaluation review and provides recommendations.

Community Safety Zones were reviewed for major urban areas consisting of 20 County road corridors within 12 primary urban centres and three County road corridors within two secondary urban centres in the County. A total of 48 road segments were reviewed and assessed along the 23 road corridors as noted below:

- Clifford (Wellington Road 2)
- Harriston (Wellington Road 109)
- Palmerston (Wellington Road 5, 8 and 123)
- Mount Forest (Wellington Road 6)
- Arthur (Wellington Road 14)
- Moorefield (Wellington Road 10)
- Drayton (Wellington Road 8 and 11)
- Elora/Salem (Wellington Road 7, 18 and 21)
- Fergus (Wellington Road 18 and 19)
- Hillsburgh (Wellington Road 24)
- Erin (Wellington Road 124)
- Rockwood (Wellington Road 27 and 50)
- Aberfoyle (Wellington Road 34 and 46)
- Morriston (Wellington Road 36)

Based on the consultant's evaluation using the Speed Management Guidelines' risk factor scoring and confirmation by County staff, it is recommended that certain segments of the following County road corridors road segments be designated as Community Safety Zones:

- Fergus: Wellington Road 18 (Highway 6 - Orangeville Road)

- Palmerston: Wellington Road 123 (Wellington Road 8 – Wellington Road 5)
- Drayton - Wellington Road 11 (Andrews Drive - Wellington Road 8)
- Elora and Salem - Wellington Road 7 (Ross Street - 1 Line)
- Hillsburgh - Wellington Road 24 (Church Street - Jane Street)
- Aberfoyle - Wellington Road 46 (Wellington Road 34 – Gilmour Road)
- Elora/Salem - Wellington Road 18 (Wellington Road 21 – Chapel Street)
- Erin - Wellington Road 124 (Ross Street – Wellington Road 52)
- Mount Forest - Wellington Road 6 (Highway 6 – London Road)

The assessment of these urban area road segments found that the risk factor evaluation scored three segments (Elora/Salem - WR 18, Erin - WR 124, Mount Forest WR 6) with three high risk factors and a total score within one point of the CSZ criteria of 18 points. Based on the number of high risk factors and high score, it is recommended that CSZ be implemented on certain portions of these County road segments and that an addendum to the Speed Management Guidelines be made to the CSZ criteria.

The Province granted the authority for municipalities to create CSZ through the Highway Traffic Act by allowing municipal councils to designate parts of roadways as CSZ by passing bylaws for specific road segments. The County's Speed Management Guidelines include CSZ as speed mitigation methods to modify driver behavior by enforcing increased fines within the zones.

As noted in the Speed Management Guidelines, prior to implementing each Community Safety Zone, the County will communicate the change to the road segment through the circulation of a notice to adjacent properties and provide a media release regarding the new Community Safety Zone location and the consequences for violation within the zone.

Staff will work on the details to implement the recommended nine Community Safety Zones including bylaw details and communication plans.

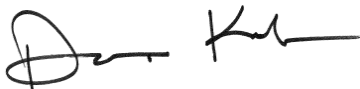
Recommendation:

That the report entitled Road MAP: Speed Management Guidelines – Community Safety Zones be received for information;

That the nine road segments recommended in the report be approved as Community Safety Zones;

And that staff draft bylaws to implement the Community Safety Zones for approval at a future Roads Committee meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment: Presentation - Community Safety Zone Reviews