



City of North Bay Report to Council

Report No: IO-2023-013

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Business Unit:

Department:

Infrastructure and Operations

Engineering

Subject: New Community Safety Zones

Closed Session: yes no

Recommendation

That Council implement Community Safety Zones and permanent speed reductions using conventional signs in the areas described in RTC IO-2023-013.

Background

The Highway Traffic Act (HTA) provides the council of a municipality the authority to designate a part of a highway under its jurisdiction as a Community Safety Zone (CSZ) if, in the council's opinion, public safety is of special concern on that part of the highway (1998, c. 6, s. 1.). Additionally, the Ontario Traffic Manual indicates that, a CSZ may be used for roadways near schools, day care centres, playgrounds, parks, hospitals, senior citizen residences, or collision-prone areas.

As per the HTA, the official designation of a segment of roadway as a CSZ requires the enactment of a municipal by-law which includes the designated area and the erection of regulatory signs on the designated part of the roadway.

Once a CSZ is designated and established, the HTA provides that any person convicted of specific offences described in the HTA is liable to increased fines if it is committed while in a CSZ.

City staff have received requests from the public and North Bay Police Services to designate two areas as CSZ. The areas are as follows:

1. Olive Street and High Street surrounding Cassellholme
2. Lakeshore Drive surrounding Sunset Park Public School and the Steve

Omischl Sport's Complex

Public safety in the above noted areas is of special concern due to the high volume of vulnerable road users including pedestrian traffic. The designation of a CSZ would raise driver awareness of public safety in these two locations, one of which surrounds a retirement home, and the other surrounds an elementary school and a sports complex.

The current speed limits in these areas are 50km/hr. A Community Safety Zone with a posted speed of 40km/hr is recommended for both areas.

Financial/Legal Implications

Cost of signage on streets in and around the Community Safety Zones.

Corporate Strategic Plan

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Natural North and Near | <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Prosperity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable Balanced Growth | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spirited Safe Community |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Responsible and Responsive Government | |

Specific Objectives

- Work with community stakeholders to enhance safety and integration throughout the City

Options Analysis

Option 1: That Council implement Community Safety Zones and permanent speed reductions using conventional signs in the areas described in RTC IO-2023-013.

Option 2: Do not implement changes. This option is not recommended.

Recommended Option

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Respectfully submitted,

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I concur with this report and recommendation

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