



Staff Report

Operations

Report To: Committee of the Whole Meeting
Meeting Date: November 30, 2021
Report Number: CSOPS.21.071
Title: Interim By-law to Reduce the Speed Limit Along Lansdowne Street South, 10th Line and West Ridge Drive
Prepared by: Shawn Carey, Director of Operations

A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report CSOPS.21.071, entitled "Interim By-law to Reduce the Speed Limit Along Lansdowne Street South, 10th Line and West Ridge Drive";

AND THAT Council enact an Interim By-law to reduce the speed limit on Lansdowne Street South, between Arthur Street West and Alice Street West, from 50KM/H to 40KM/H.

AND THAT Council enact an Interim By-law to reduce the speed limit on West Ridge Drive, between Lora Bay Drive and the 39th Sideroad, from 50KM/H to 40KM/H.

AND THAT Council enact an Interim By-law to reduce the speed limit on the 10th Line, between the 6th Sideroad and the 9th Sideroad from 80KM/H to 50KM/H.

AND THAT Council endorses, in principle, the concept of initiating a consolidated speed limit by-law once the Comprehensive Speed Limit Review is completed as part of the Transportation Master Plan.

AND THAT Council set an expiration date of December 2024 for the Interim By-Law.

B. Overview

This report brings forward 3 Town road segments whereby Council has directed staff to implement speed limit reductions along the 10th Line, Lansdowne Street South, and West Ridge Drive. Staff are recommending these speed limit reductions be used as an interim measure until the Comprehensive Speed Limit Review is completed as part of the Transportation Master Plan project. At that time, staff will bring forward a consolidated speed limit by-law including appropriate public consultation.

C. Background

The following provides an overview of the council direction related to the speed limit reductions for the 3 segments of Town roads

1) Lansdowne Street South

Staff Report CSOPS.21.059 entitled “Follow up to Public Meeting Regarding Stop Up and Close Beaver Street” listed concerns by residents that the future closure of Beaver Street South would force traffic onto Lansdowne Street South. The report provided several options to deal with the traffic flow including a reduction in the speed limit. Council directed staff to bring a by-law to reduce the speed limit on Lansdowne Street South between Arthur Street West and Alice Street West from 50km/h to 40km/h.

2) West Ridge Drive

In response to Staff Report PDS.19.31 entitled “XXXX” Council directed staff to reduce the speed limit on West Ridge Drive to 40km/h when it is adopted as a Municipal Right of Way. Approximately 830 meters of West Ridge Drive has been assumed by the Town. There are currently 39 residential homes along the assumed portion of West Ridge Drive. The 1.3km unassumed portion of West Ridge drive will be posted at 40km/h or a different speed limit approved by by-law resulting from the Comprehensive Speed Limit Review when it is assumed. The timeline for assumption is unknown at this time.

3) 10th Line

On May 3, 2021, in response to a Notice of Motion, Council directed staff to reduce the speed limit from 80km/h to 50km/h along the 10th Line between the 6th Sideroad and the 9th Sideroad. This speed limit reduction would apply to a 2km section of road.

D. Analysis

A Comprehensive Speed Limit Review is being undertaken as part of the ongoing Transportation Master Plan (TMP) project. Staff are recommending that the speed limit reductions for the 3 Town road segments discussed above be addressed through an interim by-law until the TMP project is finalized. Results of the Comprehensive Speed Limit Review will be brought forward to Council as recommendations with the intent of repealing all existing by-laws and replacing with 1 consolidated speed limit by-law. This process would include a public meeting and would also reflect the consultation process and input received during the TMP project. It is anticipated that the TMP will be finalized in the summer of 2022.

The draft Interim By-law to reduce the speed limit on the 3 Town road segments is included as Attachment 1.

E. Strategic Priorities

2. Organizational Excellence

We will continually seek out ways to improve the internal organization of Town Staff and the management of Town assets.

3. Community

We will protect and enhance the community feel and the character of the Town, while ensuring the responsible use of resources and restoration of nature.

4. Quality of Life

We will foster a high quality of life for full-time and part-time residents of all ages and stages, while welcoming visitors.

F. Environmental Impacts

N/A

G. Financial Impacts

Ontario Regulation 615 of the *Highway Traffic Act* and the Ontario Traffic Manual Book 5 set out the requirements for the types and spacing of speed limit signage. Based on the proposed changes identified above, there will be approximately 22 new signs that will need to be installed to implement the proposed interim speed limit by-law for an estimated cost of \$5500 (time and material).

H. In Consultation With

Shawn Everitt, CAO

Corrina Giles, Clerk

Sam Dinsmore, Deputy Treasurer, Manager of Accounting and Budgets

Jim McCannell, Manager of Roads and Drainage

Adam Fraser, Project Coordinator, Transportation Master Plan

I. Public Engagement

The topic of this Staff Report has not been the subject of a Public Meeting and/or a Public Information Centre as neither a Public Meeting nor a Public Information Centre are required. However, any comments regarding this report should be submitted to Shawn Carey, Director of Operations directorops@thebluemountains.ca.

The Town is undertaking a TMP to develop a short, medium, and long-term strategy to address transportation-related needs and opportunities within the Town. There are a number of components to the TMP, including the Comprehensive Speed Limit Review. The TMP is nearing completion of Stage 1 which involves an existing conditions assessment, and will soon move to Stage 2 to identify and evaluate alternative solutions. There [is a study-specific page on the Town's website](#) that is updated regularly to share progress with the public, and offers the option to subscribe to receive notifications when materials and consultation opportunities are available. The next major public consultation in Stage 2 will be the Public Information Centre 2 to take place in Q1 2022. For any detailed questions please submit to Adam Fraser, Project Coordinator, Transportation Master Plan at tmp@thebluemountains.ca.

J. Attached

1. Attachment 1 – Overview Map
2. Attachment 2 – Draft Interim Speed Limit By-Law

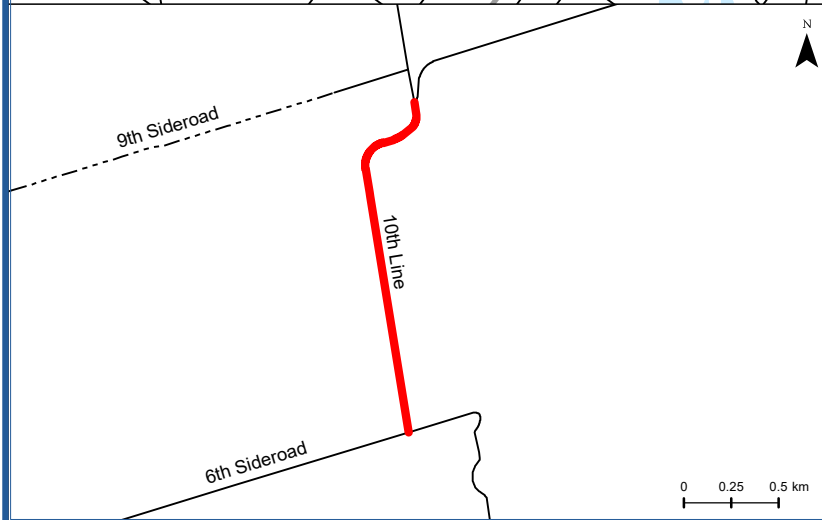
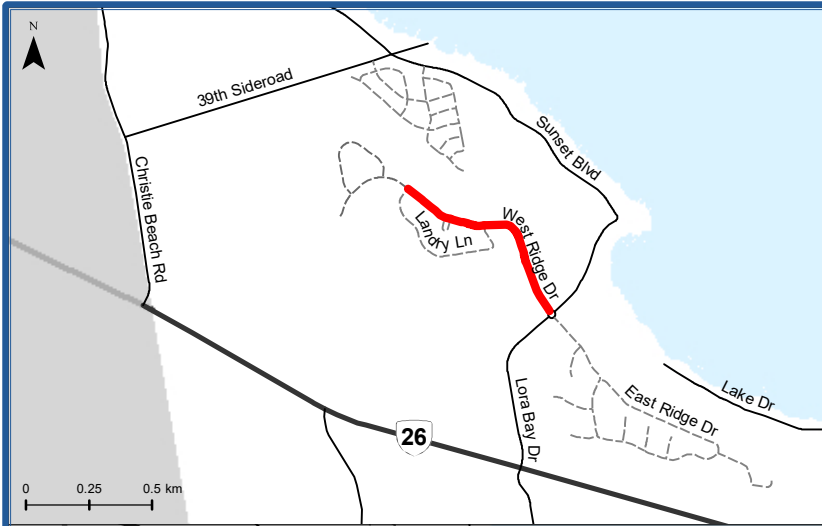
Respectfully submitted,

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TOWN OF THE BLUE MOUNTAINS Speed Limit Reductions



The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains

By-Law Number 20XX –

Being a By-law to prescribe a speed limit for motor vehicles on a highway portion within the municipality

Whereas subsection 128(2) of the Highway Traffic Act, chapter H.B, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, authorizes the council of a municipality to prescribe by by-law a speed limit for motor vehicles driven on any highway or portion of highway under its jurisdiction;

And Whereas it is deemed expedient by Council to restrict the speed of motor vehicles on certain highways in the Corporation of the Town of the Blue Mountains;

Now Therefore Council of The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains hereby enacts as follows:

1.

That when any highway or portion of highway set out below is marked in compliance with the regulations under the Highway Traffic Act, the maximum rate of speed thereon shall be 40 kilometers per hour for motorized vehicles:

Street	From	To
Westridge Drive	Lora Bay Drive	End of Assumed Section
Lansdowne Street South	Arthur Street West	Beaver Street South
2.

That when any highway or portion of highway set out below is marked in compliance with the regulations under the Highway Traffic Act, the maximum rate of speed thereon shall be 50 kilometers per hour for motorized vehicles:

Street	From	To
10 th Line	6 th Sideroad	9 th Sideroad
2.

That the penalties provided in subsection 128(4) of the Highway Traffic Act shall apply to offences against this By-law.
3.

That any designation made in Section 1 and Section 2 shall not become effective until speed limit signs have been erected in accordance with regulations of the Highway Traffic Act.

And Further that this By-law shall come into force and take effect upon the enactment thereof.

Enacted and passed this ____ day of _____, 20XX

Alar Soever, Mayor

Corrina Giles, Town Clerk