



**City of Kingston
Report to Council
Report Number 16-223**

To: Mayor and Members of Council
From: Jim Keech, President and CEO, Utilities Kingston
Resource Staff: Mark Van Buren, Director of Engineering
Date of Meeting: August 9, 2016
Subject: Proposed Speed Limit Reduction on Sir John A. Macdonald Boulevard

Executive Summary:

Speed limits on both urban and rural roads are assessed on an on-going basis by staff as well as in response to requests from Kingston City Police, councillors and residents.

As a result of numerous concerns related to pedestrian safety, it is being recommended that the posted speed limit be reduced on Sir John A. Macdonald Boulevard from 60 km/h to 50 km/h from just south of Bath Road to King Street.

All efforts will be made to have the new posted speed limit signs installed prior to the school year beginning in September of this year. When posted speed limits are changed on any roadway in the City, the Kingston Police Force will be informed such that additional enforcement can be considered.

Recommendation:

That a by-law be presented to amend By-Law Number 2003-209, being a "A By-Law For Regulating Traffic in the Highways Of The City of Kingston, Subject To The Provisions Of The Highway Traffic Act" as amended, in order to reduce the posted speed limit on Sir John A. Macdonald Boulevard as described in Exhibit A, Report 16-223; and

That all three readings be provided so that the posted speed limit signs can be installed prior to school beginning in September 2016.

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Authorizing Signatures:

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY PRESIDENT & CEO, UTILITIES KINGSTON

Jim Keech, President & CEO, Utilities Kingston

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Gerard Hunt, Chief Administrative Officer

Consultation with the following Commissioners:

Lanie Hurdle, Community Services	Not required
Denis Leger, Corporate & Emergency Services	Not required
Desiree Kennedy, Chief Financial Officer & City Treasurer	Not required

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Options/Discussion:

The City has received numerous concerns about pedestrian safety along Sir John A. Macdonald Boulevard, south of Bath Road. There are currently several uncontrolled locations along this roadway where pedestrians cross Sir John A. Macdonald Boulevard. The number of pedestrians in this area could increase in the Fall of 2016 with additional students scheduled to attend LCVI until the new secondary school opens on Kirkpatrick Street. A key Kingston Transit route on Palace Road also generates pedestrian traffic across Sir John A. Macdonald Boulevard as passengers travel to and from the bus stops.

City staff recently met with a group of residents from the local community to discuss safety-related concerns in the area. There was general agreement from the residents that both short and long-term solutions would be required to address their concerns. The ultimate long-term solution to accommodate pedestrians on this arterial road is the installation of a traffic signal that would be activated by pedestrians. It was acknowledged that there are no financial resources within the current multi-year infrastructure program for this work but there are plans to consider a traffic signal in this area within the next multi-year infrastructure program for 2019 to 2022.

In the meantime, in order to increase the level of pedestrian safety in this area, it is being recommended that the posted speed limit be reduced on Sir John A. Macdonald Boulevard from 60 km/h to 50 km/h from just south of Bath Road to King Street. As shown on the map in Exhibit B, since the posted speed limit on Sir John A. Macdonald Boulevard is currently posted at 50 km/h from just north of Avenue Road to just south of Bath Road, this will extend the 50 km/h zone from just north of Avenue Road all the way to King Street.

In order to remind motorists to slow down, there are also plans to install driver feedback speed signs in the area within the upcoming months.

All efforts will be made to have the new speed limit signs installed prior to the school year beginning in September of this year. When posted speed limits are changed on any roadway in the City, the Kingston Police Force will be informed such that additional enforcement can be considered.

Existing Policy/By Law:

By-Law Number 2003-209, "A By-Law For Regulating Traffic in the Highways Of The City of Kingston, Subject To The Provisions Of The Highway Traffic Act".

Notice Provisions:

Not applicable

Accessibility Considerations:

Not applicable

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Financial Considerations:

The cost associated with the installation of additional speed limit signage required will be accommodated within the existing approved operating budget.

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Other City of Kingston Staff Consulted:

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Exhibits Attached:

Exhibit A Draft By-Law

Exhibit B Map of Proposed Speed Limit Reduction Zone

By-Law Number 2016-XX

A By-Law to Amend By-Law Number 2003-209 "A By-Law to Regulate Traffic"

Passed: Meeting date, 2016

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Kingston hereby enacts as follows:

1. By-Law Number 2003-209 of the Corporation of the City of Kingston entitled "A By-Law to Regulate Traffic, Subject to the Provisions of the Highway Traffic Act", as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

- 1.1 Schedule A-3, Highways with a Limit of 60 kilometres per hour, is hereby amended by **removing** the following therefrom:

Sir John A. MacDonald Blvd from 305 Metres South of Bath Road to Union Street

2. This By-Law shall come into force and take effect on the date of its passing.

Given all Three Readings and Passed: Meeting date, 2016

John Bolognone
City Clerk

Bryan Paterson
Mayor

