



CITY OF KINGSTON
REPORT TO COUNCIL

Report No.: 12-331

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: November 6, 2012
SUBJECT: QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY AREA SPEED LIMIT REDUCTIONS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At the request of Queen's University, high volume pedestrian routes within the campus area are being recommended for a reduction in the posted speed limit from 50 km/h to 40 km/h, in order to increase pedestrian safety. A 40 km/h posted speed limit is being recommended on the following streets: University Avenue, Union Street (Barrie to Collingwood), Stuart Street and Division Street (Union to Johnson).

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT City Council amend By-Law No. 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" as amended, in order to reduce the posted speed limit from 50 km/h to 40 km/h on University Avenue, Union Street (Barrie to Collingwood), Stuart Street and Division Street (Union to Johnson).

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:

Cynthia Beach, <i>Sustainability & Growth</i>	N/R
Lanie Hurdle, <i>Community Services</i>	N/R
Denis Leger, <i>Transportation, Properties & Emergency Services</i>	N/R

(N/R indicates consultation not required)

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OPTIONS/DISCUSSION:

High volumes of pedestrians travel daily throughout the Queen’s University campus area. In order to increase the level of safety, Queen’s University has requested that the posted speed limit along key streets in the campus area be reduced from 50 km/h to 40 km/h. City staff have worked closely Queen’s Physical Plant Services to determine the key pedestrian corridors in the campus area.

A 40 km/h posted speed limit is currently being recommended on the following streets:

- University Avenue
- Union Street (Barrie to Collingwood)
- Stuart Street
- Division Street (Union to Johnson)

The 40 km/h signs will be posted as soon as possible but the timing is dependent on the need for new posts and whether or not the ground is frozen.

In order to continue to educate motorists about the posted speed limit, there are also plans to install two semi-permanent driver feedback speed signs on Union Street in early 2013.

When posted speed limits are changed on any roadway, the Kingston Police Force will be informed such that additional enforcement can be considered.

EXISTING POLICY/BY LAW:

By-Law No. 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.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

There are no additional costs related to this change that need to be accommodated within the Engineering Department budget.

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EXHIBITS ATTACHED:

Exhibit "A" - Draft By-Law
Exhibit "B" - Map of 40 km/h speed limit zones

BY-LAW NO. 2011-XX

A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW NO. 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", (AMEND SPEED LIMITS ON VARIOUS STREETS)

PASSED: _____, 2012

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Kingston hereby enacts as follows:

1. By-Law No. 2003-209 entitled, "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, is hereby further amended as follows:
 - 1.1. Schedule A-5 (Highways with a Limit of 40 Kilometres per Hour) is hereby amended by adding the following thereto.

Highway	From	To
Division Street	Union Street	Johnson Street
Stuart Street	All	
Union Street	Collingwood Street	Barrier Street
University Avenue	All	

2. This by-law will come into force and take effect on the date of its passing.

GIVEN FIRST AND SECOND READINGS 2012

GIVEN THIRD READING AND PASSED 2012

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

