



Administrative Report

Office of the Director, Infrastructure & Planning Services

To: Warden McNamara and Members of Essex County Council

From: Jerry Behl, P.Eng.
Manager, Transportation Planning and Development

Date: Wednesday, April 06, 2022

Subject: Speed Reduction on County Road 34 East of County Road 19

Report #: 2022-0406-ISD-R10-JB

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a recommendation regarding a request for speed reduction on County Road 34.

Background

On May 12, 2021 the County received a resolution from The Municipality of Lakeshore requesting a reduction in posted speed. The request was for the stretch of County Road 34 immediately east of County Road 19. The resolution included a petition from residents.

Resolution 157-05-2021 from the Municipality of Lakeshore is attached.

(Appendix A)

Administration reviewed the request looking at speed, traffic, collision data and topography. The review found that a speed reduction from 80km/h to 70km/h was warranted. However, with work taking place on Highway 3 the recommendation was to review the speed reduction when this work was completed. A letter, dated October 15, 2021, responding to the resolution was sent to the Municipality of Lakeshore. **(Appendix B)**

At the December 15, 2021 meeting of County Council, a resolution was adopted. This resolution stated:

"That Administration be directed to review the request of Lakeshore Council, regarding a reduction in the speed limits to 50-60 km/hour on County Road 34 between Dawson and Manning Road."

Resolution 273-2021 is attached. **(Appendix C)**

Discussion

Following receipt of this resolution Administration consulted Administration at the Town of Essex and the Municipality of Lakeshore, and reevaluated the request for speed reduction.

Administration recommends that the posted speed on County Road 34 of 80km/h be reduced to 60km/h from Dawson Road to County Road 19. Immediately to the west of the intersection the existing posted speed is 50km/h.

The existing and proposed posted speed limits are shown in Figures 1 and 2.

Figure 1 Existing Posted Speed



Figure 2 Proposed Posted Speed



Financial Implications

The cost of installing signage is estimated to be \$1,000.

Consultations

County Administration consulted Krystal Kalbol of the Municipality of Lakeshore and Kevin Girard from the Town of Lakeshore prior to reevaluating the request to reduce speed.

Recommendation

That Essex County Council receive the report 2022-0406-ISD-R10-JB, Speed Reduction on County Road 34 East of County Road 19; and

That By-law 2022-10 be adopted, amending By-law 26-2002 to Regulate Traffic and Parking on Highways within the Essex County Roads System, 'Schedule H' to reduce the speed limit on County Road 34 from east of Dawson Road to County Road 19 from 80km/h to 60 km/h.

Approvals

Respectfully Submitted,

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Concurred With,

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Allan Botham, P.Eng., Director, Infrastructure and Planning Services

Concurred With,

Mike Galloway

Mike Galloway, MBA, CMO, Chief Administrative Officer

Appendix Number	Title
Appendix A	Municipality of Lakeshore Resolution 157-05-2021
Appendix B	Letter from County to The Municipality of Lakeshore
Appendix C	County of Essex Resolution of Council 273-2021