CITY OF HAMILTON

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Operations & Maintenance Division

Report to: Mayor and Members Committee of the Whole
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Date: July 17, 2007
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SUBJECT: Speed Limits - Full-time 40 km/h School Zones
(PW07099) - (Wards 1, 2, 6, 8 and 13)

RECOMMENDATION:

(a) That the speed limits in the following school zones be approved at 40 km/h:
   (i) Locke Street South between 30m south of Stanley Avenue and 75m north of Herkimer Street;
   (ii) Simcoe Street East between James Street North and Catharine Street North;
   (iii) Hughson Street North between Strachan Street and 50m north of Macaulay Street East;
   (iv) Brentwood Drive between 50m north of Broker Drive and Idlewood Avenue;
   (v) Montcalm Drive and Miami Drive;
   (vi) Lynbrook Drive between Montcalm Drive and Rolston Drive;
   (vii) Rolston Drive between Mountbatten Drive and Miami Drive;
   (viii) Appleblossom Drive between Moonbeam Drive and 150m south of Chester Avenue;
   (ix) Park Street West between Princess Street and 60m east of Sydenham Street;

(b) That the by-law outlined in Report PW07099 as Appendix “A” be passed and enacted to amend City of Hamilton By-law No. 01-215.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
Staff has received requests from Councillors and area residents to consider lowering the speed limit to 40 km/h in the area of the following schools:

(i) St. Joseph’s Separate School, 270 Locke Street South, Ward 1
(ii) Bennetto Elementary School, 47 Simcoe Street, Hamilton, Ward 2
(iii) St. Margaret Mary Separate School, 25 Brentwood Drive, Hamilton, Ward 7
(iv) Westwood Elementary School, 9 Lynbrook Drive, Hamilton, Ward 8
(v) James MacDonald Elementary School, 200 Chester Avenue, Ward 8
(vi) Dundas Valley Montessori School, 108 Park Street West, Dundas, Ward 13

The requests meet the criteria of the approved policy for “Setting Speed Limits on City of Hamilton Roadways within School Areas”. Therefore, staff supports setting the speed limits on the roadways abutting the above-noted schools at 40 km/h.

BACKGROUND:
The information/recommendations contained within this report primarily affect Wards 1, 2, 6, 8 and 13.

City Council approved a policy for “Setting Speed Limits on City of Hamilton Roadways” which included provisions for setting speed limits on roads within school areas. Eligible streets are those that border on school properties. Ward Councillors and area residents have requested that the speed limit on the roadways abutting the above-noted schools be lowered. The current default speed limit on these roadways is 50 km/h.

ANALYSIS/RATIONALE:
The requests are in keeping with the approved policy and therefore, staff supports lowering the speed limit on the subject roadways in the area of the schools to 40 km/h.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION:
An alternative would be to take no action. However, the 40 km/h speed limit highlights the presence of the school, and of school age children, and therefore provides the potential for additional benefits.

FINANCIAL/STAFFING/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:
Sufficient funds are available in regular current accounts to cover the cost of manufacturing, erecting and maintaining the regulatory signs.

POLICIES AFFECTING PROPOSAL:
The subject recommendation is in keeping with the approved policy for “Setting Speed Limits on City of Hamilton Roadways”.
RELEVANT CONSULTATION:

Hamilton Police Services are fully supportive of this program and will provide enforcement in school areas as necessary. The Ward Councillors have been advised and concur.

CITY STRATEGIC COMMITMENT:

By evaluating the “Triple Bottom Line”, (community, environment and economic implications) we can make choices that create value across all three bottom lines, moving us closer to our vision for a sustainable community, and Provincial interests.

Community Well-Being is enhanced. ☑ Yes ☐ No
Public services and programs are delivered in an equitable manner, coordinated, efficient, effective and easily accessible to all citizens.
Participation in community life is accessible to all Hamiltonians.
The public are involved in the definition and development of local solutions.
Partnerships are promoted.

Environmental Well-Being is enhanced. ☑ Yes ☐ No
Human health and safety are protected.
Consumption of all natural resources is reduced.
Consumption of energy is reduced; alternative energy and co-generation are supported.
A sustainable transportation network provides many options for people and goods movement; vehicle-dependency is reduced.

Economic Well-Being is enhanced. ☐ Yes ☑ No

Does the option you are recommending create value across all three bottom lines? ☐ Yes ☑ No

Do the options you are recommending make Hamilton a City of choice for high performance public servants? ☑ Yes ☐ No
The creation of a respectful, desirable and supportive workplace.
Life-long learning is supported.
RECOMMENDED SPEED LIMIT CHANGES:
Locke Street South
School Area
CITY OF HAMILTON
Public Works Department

LEGEND

SUBJECT ROAD
Proposed 40 km/h Zone

SCALE
DATE
NOT TO SCALE
2007-07-26

REFERENCE FILE NO: PW07099
CITY OF HAMILTON
BY-LAW NO. 07-

To Amend By-law No. 01-215
Being a By-law To Regulate Traffic

WHEREAS; Section 11(1)1 of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, as amended, confers upon the councils of all municipalities the power to enact by-laws for regulating traffic on highways subject to the Highway Traffic Act;

AND WHEREAS; on the 18th day of September, 2001, the Council of the City of Hamilton enacted By-law No. 01-215 to regulate traffic;

AND WHEREAS. It is necessary to amend By-law No. 01-215.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Hamilton enacts as follows:

1. Schedule 2 (Speed Limits) of By-law No. 01-215, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding to Section "B" (Dundas) thereof the following item, namely:

   “Park St. W.  Princess Street  60m East of Sydenham St.  40”

and by adding to Section "E" (Hamilton) thereof the following items, namely:

   “Locke St. S.  30m South of Stanley Ave  75.m North of Herkimer St.  40
   Simcoe St. E.  James St. N.  Catharine St. N,  40
   Hughson St. N.  Strachan St.  50m North Macauley St. E.  40
   Brentwood Dr.  Idlewood Ave.  50m North of Broker Dr.  40
   Montcalm Dr.  Elgar Ave.  Lynbrook Dr.  40
   Miami Dr.  Westmount Dr.  Mountbatten  40
   Lynbrook Dr.  Montcalm Dr.  Rolston Dr.  40
   Rolston Dr.  Mountbatten Dr.  Miami Dr.  40
   Appleblossom Dr.  Moonbeam Dr.  50m South of Chester Ave.  40”

2. Subject to the amendments made in this By-law, in all other respects, By-law No. 01-215, including all Schedules thereto, as amended, is hereby confirmed unchanged.
3. This By-law shall come into force and take effect on the date of its passing and enactment.

PASSED and ENACTED this day of , 2007.

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Fred Eisenberger                           Kevin C. Christenson
Mayor                                      City Clerk