SUBJECT: Speed Limit Change - Rymal Road between Upper Centennial Parkway and Trinity Church Road (PW06075) - (Wards 9 and 11)

RECOMMENDATION:

(a) That the speed limit on Rymal Road between Upper Centennial Parkway and Whitedeer Road be set at 60 km/h.

(b) That the speed limit on Rymal Road between Whitedeer Road and Trinity Church Road be set at 70 km/h.

(c) That the by-law outlined in Report PW06075 as Appendix “A” to amend the City of Hamilton Traffic By-law 01-215 be passed and enacted.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Staff are initiating a speed reduction on Rymal Road between Upper Centennial Parkway and Trinity Church Road due to the extensive and ongoing commercial/residential development and increased traffic in this area. The current speed limit is 80 km/h and staff is recommending that the speed limit be reduced to 60 km/h between Upper Centennial and Whitedeer and 70 km/h between Whitedeer and Trinity Church. Staff has reviewed this section of roadway utilizing the policy for “Setting Speed Limits on City of Hamilton Roadways” and supports lowering the speed limit as noted.
BACKGROUND:
That the information/recommendations contained in this report primarily affects Wards 9 and 11.

Staff reviewed the speed limit on Rymal Road, utilizing the Council approved policy for Setting Speed Limits on Rural Roadways for the City of Hamilton. The policy considers such factors as pavement width, length of roadway, horizontal and vertical geometrics, driveway density, and vehicular and pedestrian volumes. Also, staff physically drove the section of roadway in order to personally assess the appropriateness of the study results.

Presently, the speed limit on Rymal Road in this area is posted at 80 km/h. Staff has determined that due to ongoing commercial development and the resultant increased traffic volumes, a 60 km/h speed limit is appropriate for the section of Rymal between Upper Centennial and Whitedeer and 70 km/h between Whitedeer and Trinity Church.

ANALYSIS/RATIONALE:
The recommendation is in keeping with the approved policy.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION:
An alternative would be to take no action. However, the objective of setting a speed limit is to provide a speed limit that the majority of motorists will respect and obey with minimal police enforcement.

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

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

RELEVANT CONSULTATION:
Councillors Phil Bruckler and David Mitchell have been consulted and support these recommendations. Hamilton Police Services support the application of the City’s speed limit policy and will provide enforcement as necessary.

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.

Environmental Well-Being is enhanced.  ☑ Yes  □ No
Human health and safety are protected.
Consumption of all natural resources is reduced.
Air quality and water quality and quantity are protected.
Climate-related risks are managed; Greenhouse Gas emissions are 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
Hamilton's high-quality environmental amenities are maintained and enhanced.
Infrastructure and compact, mixed use development minimize land consumption and servicing costs.

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
CITY OF HAMILTON

BY-LAW NO. 06-

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 deleting from Section "G" Subsection 6 (Stoney Creek) thereof the following item, namely:

   “Hwy 53 East Limit of the City of Hamilton"  Hwy 20  80"

   and by adding to Section "G" Subsection 6 (Stoney Creek) thereof the following item namely:

   "Rymal Rd. Upper Centennial Pky. Whitedeer Rd. 60
   Rymal Rd. Whitedeer Rd. Trinity Church Rd. 70"

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 , 2006.

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MAYOR      CLERK
RECOMMENDED SPEED LIMIT CHANGE:
Rymal Road between Upper Centennial Parkway and Trinity Church Road
CITY OF HAMILTON
Public Works Department

Rymal Road
Proposed Speed Limit Reduction

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SECTIONS TO BE CHANGED

SCALE
NOT TO SCALE
DATE
2006-06-13

REFERENCE FILE NO: PW06075