



Council Report

Report Number: ENG2022-036
Meeting Date: September 27, 2022
Title: Request for Additional School Zone Designations – St. Mary Catholic Elementary School,
Description: Request for School Zone
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Recommendation(s):

That Report ENG2022-036, **Request for Additional School Zone Designations – St. Mary Catholic Elementary School**, be received;

That the Schedule "F", Designated School Zones of Speed By-law 2005-328 be amended to include Glenelg Street East, Russell Street East, St. Lawrence Street, and Huron Street;

That the signs required to bring the by-law into effect be installed;

That the necessary By-law for the above recommendations be forwarded to Council for adoption.

Department Head: _____

Financial/Legal/HR/Other: _____

Chief Administrative Officer: _____

Background:

Staff received a communication from the representatives of St. Mary Catholic Elementary School regarding their concerns of safety along the roads of the school property (Appendix A).

By-law 2005-328, "A By-Law to Establish Speed Limits" (Speed By-law) designates roads as school zones. Currently only St. Lawrence Street is designated as a school zone under the Speed by-law, which is contradicted by only Glenelg Street being signed as a school zone.

School Zone Designation

Section 128 (5) of The Highway Traffic Act (HTA) states that the council of a municipality may by by-law, create a school zone that is within 150 m along the highway in either direction beyond the limits of the land used for the purposes of the school. Such school zone may have a speed limit that is lower than the rate of speed for the portions of the road outside of the school zone.

Rationale for the current designation may have come from the fact that the school property is shared with an adjacent church with parking lot where only roads abutting the actual school structures were considered for school zone designation.

Rationale:

In correspondence with the school board, it was confirmed that students do indeed use the surrounding unfenced church property for school activities. Therefore, the HTA would allow the municipality to designate additional roads as school zones. A map showing the recommended school zone sign placement can be seen in Appendix B.

As a result of the justification review carried out by staff, it is recommended that the Schedule "F" to By-law 2005-328, Designated School Zones with a speed limit of 40km/hr, be amended to designate all roads surrounding the St. Mary Catholic School and Church property as school zones (Glenelg Street East, Russell Street East, St. Lawrence Street, and Huron Street).

Other Alternatives Considered:

No other alternative was considered. A do nothing approach is not recommended.

Alignment to Strategic Priorities

Providing life safety and protection, is a priority objective of the City under the Council Adopted Strategic Plan Goal of An Exceptional Quality of Life.

Financial/Operation Impacts:

\$2400 – Cost of six new sign installations through Public Works Operating Budget.

Consultations:

Teacher and Vice Principal - St. Mary Catholic Elementary School

Attachments:

Appendix A – Request from St. Mary Catholic Elementary School



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Appendix B – Key Map and Sign Placement Recommendation



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