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COMMUNITY SAFETY ZONE
KING ROAD AT HOLY NAME SCHOOL
TOWNSHIP OF KING

The Transportation and Works Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendations contained in the following report, June 3, 2004, from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works:

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. The existing Community Safety Zone (CSZ) on King Road (Y.R. 11), from the east limit of Warren Road to the west limit of John Street be extended 780 metres west of the west limit of John Street, in the Township of King.
2. The Regional Solicitor be directed to prepare the necessary by-laws.
3. The Regional Clerk forward a copy of this report to the Clerk of the Township of King and the Chief of York Regional Police.
4. York Regional Police be requested to assist with enforcement of the extended Community Safety Zone, as their resources permit.

2. PURPOSE

This report addresses the result of a safety review conducted on King Road between Jane Street and Dufferin Street, in the Township of King. It is recommended that the existing Community Safety Zone (CSZ) on King Road, from Warren Road to John Street, be extended westerly 780 metres to address speed and safety concerns adjacent to Holy Name School, in the Township of King.

3. BACKGROUND

Staff from the Township of King approached Regional staff to conduct a safety review outlining safety concerns with vehicle speeds and pedestrian safety in the vicinity of Holy Name School located on the south side of King Road approximately 500 metres west of Keele Street in King City. A suggestion was made by Township of King staff to extend the existing CSZ to include Holy Name School.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

CSZs are used on “parts of roadways” where public safety is of special concern to a community. Regional Council adopted a CSZ warrant policy in December 2002 that consists of two warrants.

The first warrant identifies areas of special concern that are obvious to road users such as:

- Elementary or secondary schools.
- Community centres.
- High pedestrian traffic areas.
- Seniors’ centres and residences.

The second warrant consists of risk components that consider:

- Posted speed.
- Daily traffic volumes.
- Number of lanes.
- Length of sidewalks.
- Truck volumes.
- Pedestrians.
- Intersections and entrances per kilometre.

King Road, in the vicinity of Holy Name School, is a four-lane rural roadway. The existing speed limit is 50-km per hour with an annual average daily traffic volume of 23,300 vehicles per day. A location plan is provided as *Attachment 1*.

When the CSZ warrant criteria are applied to King Road, in the vicinity of Holy Name School, the location does not meet the minimum warrants the Region uses today. When the original CSZ was implemented, the current warrant was not available. However, the CSZ was installed on a trial basis.

It is now appropriate to consider traffic safety in the area of Holy Name School. Although this location does not meet the minimum warrant, the extension of the existing CSZ will address concerns raised by parents and school teachers with respect to safety at the school access.

It is proposed that the existing CSZ be extended on King Road, in the vicinity of Holy Name School and that oversized CSZ signs be installed throughout the school area with a request for York Regional Police to increase enforcement, as their resources permit.

The extension of the CSZ will also aid York Regional Police in establishing priorities for enforcement with the increase in fines being a further deterrent in reducing speeds along this section of roadway.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The installation of the signing for the CSZ is included in the 2004 Roads Transportation Program Budget.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

The extension of the existing CSZ will have a direct benefit to the residents of the Township of King and the school children from Holy Name School.

7. CONCLUSION

The Township of King approached Regional staff to conduct a safety review outlining safety concerns with vehicle speeds and pedestrian safety in the vicinity of Holy Name School. The Township of King suggested extending the existing CSZ to address safety concerns in front of the school.

It is recommended that the existing CSZ be extended on King Road, in the vicinity of Holy Name School, from the west limit of John Street to 780 metres westerly.

A Regional by-law is required before the CSZ can be enforced. It is, therefore, recommended that the Regional Solicitor prepare the necessary by-law and the Regional Clerk forward a copy of this report to the Clerk of the Township of King and to the Chief of Police, with a request to York Regional Police to enforce this new by-law, as their resources permit.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

(A copy of the attachment referred to in the foregoing was forwarded to each Member of Council with the June 16, 2004, Transportation and Works Committee agenda and a copy thereof is on file in the Regional Clerk's Office.)