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ESTABLISHING SPEED LIMITS PROPOSED REGIONAL POLICY

The Transportation and Works Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendations contained in the following report, August 25, 2004, from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works:

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. The proposed Speed Limit Policy attached to this report as *Attachment 2* be adopted by Regional Council as the policy for establishing speed limits on the Regional road network.
2. A copy of this report be forwarded by the Regional Clerk to the Clerks of each of the local municipalities.

2. PURPOSE

This report summarizes the responses received to date from the local municipalities regarding the proposed Speed Limit Policy presented to the Transportation and Works Committee at its meeting on February 4, 2004.

3. BACKGROUND

On February 4, 2004, the Transportation and Works Committee endorsed a recommendation for Regional Council to adopt a Regional Policy for Establishing Speed Limits on Regional roads. The purpose of the policy is to establish a credible, technically sound and consistent method of determining an appropriate speed limit.

Regional Council at its meeting on February 19, 2004 referred the recommendation to the local municipalities, the York Region District School Board and the York Catholic District School Board for their comments prior to consideration by the Committee. In response to Council's direction, staff forwarded the proposed policy to all of the local municipalities and the District School Boards requesting their review and comments.

Comments were received from local municipalities which indicated support for the proposed policy for establishing speed limits on Regional roads. No responses were received from the District School Boards. No negative responses were received.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

Attachment 1 is the report that was presented to the Transportation and Works Committee at its meeting on February 4, 2004. The responses received to date from each of the municipalities indicated support for the proposed policy for establishing speed limits on Regional roads.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The costs associated with the manufacture and installation of signage for posted speed limits and school zones speed limits will be incurred within the 2004 Business Plan and Budget for the Roads Transportation Branch.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

This report provides the Region with a policy that addresses the establishment of speed limits along the Regional road network that is credible, technically sound and consistent.

7. CONCLUSION

Responses from the staff of the local municipalities indicated no concerns with the proposed adoption of a policy for the establishment of speed limits on Regional roads. The policy provides the need for a credible, technically sound and consistent method of determining an appropriate speed limit.

The report identified as *Attachment 1* presents the results of a review undertaken by an independent consultant, to review the process in establishing speed limits and make recommendations for any changes to the process and establish a warrant. Regional staff concurs with the findings and recommendations in the consultant's report and recommends that the attached policy (*see Attachment 2*) be adopted by Regional Council for establishing speed limits along the Regional road network.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

(A copy of the attachments referred to in the foregoing is included with this report and is also on file in the Regional Clerk's office.)