

Town looks to lower speed limits in front of schools

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In an effort to better safeguard kids, the Town's engineering experts want to lower the speed limit in defined areas that front nine elementary schools by the start of the school year in September.

The community services committee unanimously passed a staff recommendation Monday night that the current 50 km/h speed limit be dropped to 40 km/h.

"Due to the number of young children crossing the roadways in front of schools, it is important for drivers to realize that extreme caution must be exercised while driving within school zones," a staff report stated. "Reducing the speed limit to 40 km/h should increase the overall level of safety along the school frontages for the children attending the schools."

The recommendation must still be ratified by town council, which is scheduled to meet May 24.

The school frontages poised to see the speed limit lowered are: Our Lady of Victory on Commercial Street, E.W. Foster on Coxe Boulevard, W.I. Dick on Highside Drive, Sam Sherratt on Laurier Avenue, J.M. Denyes on Thomas Street, Robert Baldwin on Wilson Drive, St. Peter's on Woodward Avenue, Chris Hadfield on Woodward Avenue and Guardian Angels on Bennett Boulevard (which is scheduled to open this September).

Areas have signs posted

All of these areas — except Guardian Angels — have yellow-green fluorescent signs posted to alert motorists that they're entering a school area and should watch their speed.

There were no reports of kids being struck by vehicles in the above-noted areas where the speed limit is 50 km/h, Heide Schlegl, the Town's co-ordinator of traffic and transit, said in an interview.

She said traffic studies done last fall and earlier this spring show the majority of motorists were generally obeying the 50 km/h speed limit. In fact, the average speed for the area near W.I. Dick was 48 km/h.

Reducing the speed limit, Ms Schlegl said, would be an added safety measure for children walking in the area. And, given most drivers are paying attention to the 50 km/h limit, she said she hopes drivers would obey a limit of 40 km/h.

"A lot of it is coming from requests from the public, especially the new residents coming from municipalities (where) they have 40 km/h zones in front of schools," Ms Schlegl said. "I think (reducing the speed limit) should be done."

New speed limit signs would be posted and adorned with a "starburst" symbol indicating a new limit is in effect. The signage would cost \$3,500, part of the 2004 operating budget.

Also, Ms Schlegl said she would ask Halton police to do speed checks to make sure motorists obey the new limit.

For example, according to police, driving 10 km/h over a posted speed limit carries a \$40 set fine; driving 20 km/h over a posted speed limit carries a \$100 set fine.

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