

Report to Committee

To:

Public Works and Transportation Committee

Date:

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From:

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Director, Transportation

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Re:

Proposed Amendments to Traffic Bylaw No. 5870 for Speed Limit Reductions

in Hamilton

Staff Recommendation

That the Traffic Bylaw No. 5870, Amendment Bylaw No. 10554 be given first, second and third readings.

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Staff Report

Origin

At the February 26, 2024 Council meeting, the following motion was endorsed by Council.

- 1. That speed limits on local roads in Hamilton be reduced from 50 km/h to 30 km/h as described in the staff report titled "Hamilton Area Traffic Calming", dated January 12, 2024 from the Director, Transportation.
- 2. That staff bring forward amendments to Traffic Bylaw No. 5870 to reflect speed limit reductions for local roads in Hamilton.

This report responds to this referral.

This report supports Council's Strategic Plan 2022-2026 Focus Area #1 Proactive in Stakeholder and Civic Engagement:

Proactive stakeholder and civic engagement to foster understanding and involvement and advance Richmond's interests.

This report supports Council's Strategic Plan 2022-2026 Focus Area #3 A Safe and Prepared Community:

Community safety and preparedness through effective planning, strategic partnerships and proactive programs.

Analysis

In May 2023, the Public Works and Transportation Committee directed staff to investigate reducing speed limits in the Hamilton neighbourhood in response to resident concerns regarding speeding. Staff completed speed studies, reviewed crash history data and conducted a public engagement process to receive feedback from the neighbourhood. While speed studies did not indicate speeding issues on local roads, 62 percent of respondents to the public engagement survey supported a speed limit reduction on local roads from 50 km/h to 30 km/h. The majority of respondents (79 percent) did not support speed limit reductions on Westminster Highway and were instead supportive of physical traffic calming measures fronting the Cranberry Children's Centre where speeding issues were identified.

Through the report titled "Hamilton Area Traffic Calming" dated January 12, 2024 from the Director, Transportation, staff recommended reducing the speed limit on local roads in Hamilton from 50 km/h to 30 km/h, in alignment with the feedback received and consistent with recommendations of Vision Zero and Transport 2050. Council endorsed this recommendation.

The proposed Amendment Bylaw No. 10554 establishes a 30 km/h speed limit to local roads within the Hamilton neighbourhood consistent with this endorsed recommendation. Figure 1 identifies the roads that will be impacted by this change. Westminster Highway is excluded from this amendment and will maintain a speed limit of 50 km/h.

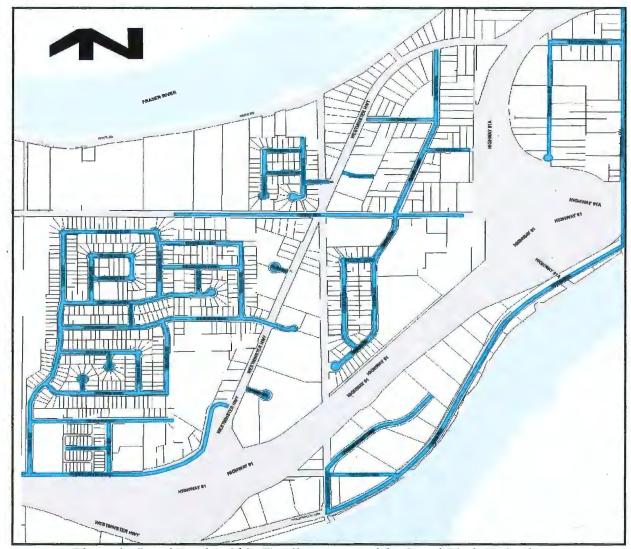


Figure 1 - Local Roads within Hamilton proposed for Speed Limit Reduction

Staff will re-assess traffic speeds and resident feedback within the Hamilton neighbourhood after a six to twelve month period through further speed studies and engagement. Findings of this assessment will be presented to Council for further consideration.

Financial Impact

None. Costs associated with signage installation is approximately \$8000 and will be accommodated within the Council approved 2023 Traffic Calming Program.

Conclusion

Amendment Bylaw No. 10554 to the Traffic Bylaw establishes 30 km/h speed limits to local roads within the Hamilton neighbourhood.

This change reflects majority feedback from residents in the Hamilton neighbourhood and is in alignment with Vision Zero and Transport 2050 in improving road safety.

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Traffic Bylaw No. 5870 Amendment Bylaw No. 10554

The Council of the City of Richmond enacts as follows:

- 1. **Traffic Bylaw No. 5870**, as amended, is further amended by adding the following to Schedule B to Traffic Bylaw No. 5870:
 - "14. All roads within the Hamilton area, including:
 - a. Roads bound by and including Oliver Drive to the west, River Road to the north and Highway 91A to the south and east, excluding River Road, Highway 91A and Westminster Highway.
 - b. Westminster Highway between Oliver Drive and Westminster Highway approximately 75 m south of Windsor Court.
 - c. Roads bounded by and including Thompson Road to the west, Thompson Gate to the north, Boundary Road to the east and bound by but excluding Highway 91A to the south.
 - d. Boundary Road between Tanaka Court and Dyke Road, Dyke Road between Boundary Road and Fraserwood Way, Fraserwood Way north of Dyke Road, and Hamilton Road."

This Bylaw is cited as "Traffic Bylaw No. 5870, Amendment Bylaw No. 10554".

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