

REPORT TO COUNTY COUNCIL

FROM: Brian Lima, General Manager of Engineering, Planning, & Enterprise (EPE) / Deputy CAO

Peter Dutchak, Manager of Transportation Services

DATE: April 28, 2023

SUBJECT: Reduced Speed Zone Extension and Community Safety Zone Establishment – Aldborough Public School

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT the report titled "Reduced Speed Zone Extension and Community Safety Zone Establishment – Aldborough Public School" from the General Manager of Engineering, Planning, & Enterprise (EPE) / Deputy CAO and Manager of Transportation Services, dated April 28, 2023 be received and filed; and,

THAT Schedule 'B' of By-Law No. 20-58 be amended to include the following:

Road	Section	Description
103	А	From 1493 metres north of the south property line of County Road 104 to 2037 metres south of the south property line of County Road 104.

THAT Schedule 'A' of By-Law No. 17-12 be amended to include the following:

County Road Number and Name	From	То	Hours	Days	Months
103	164M south of	384M south of	8:00	Monday	January to June
Furnival	south property	south property	a.m. to	to Friday	and
Road	limit of Pioneer	limit of Pioneer	5:00		September to
	Line	Line	p.m.		December

INTRODUCTION:

At its meeting on April 25, 2023, Elgin County Council considered correspondence from the Municipality of West Elgin and passed the following resolution:

RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to provide a follow-up report addressing requests from the Municipality of West Elgin regarding signage needs, signage locations, and the establishment of a community safety zone in the area surrounding Aldborough Public School in the Village of Rodney.

This report recommends extending the existing reduced speed zone along Furnival Road (CR 103) as well as establishing a Community Safety Zone within the school zone.

DISCUSSION:

The County of Elgin received a request from the Municipality of West Elgin to review exiting signage within the vicinity of the Aldborough Public School located on Furnival Road (CR 103) south of the Village of Rodney and to establish a Community Safety Zone.

Staff reviewed the area and had detailed discussions with Municipality of West Elgin staff to determine the ideal warning and regulatory signage placement in order to accommodate normal school day traffic activities while considering the school's new entrance location and existing roadway geometry. As a result of those discussions, staff are recommending that a southerly extension of the existing 50km/h reduced speed zone for an additional 190 metres is warranted. A new Community Safety Zone encompassing the Aldborough school property and extending 110 metres beyond the school property in either direction is also recommended, supporting the request received from the Municipality. These newly defined regulatory areas are showcased on the attached map to this report.

School area warning signs will also be installed as per the Ontario Traffic Manual and no by-law is required for these installations.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Additional signage will be funded by the County's annual sign budget.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Serving Elgin	Growing Elgin	Investing in Elgin	
□ Ensuring alignment of current programs and services with community need.	☐ Planning for and facilitating commercial, industrial, residential, and agricultural growth.	 □ Ensuring we have the necessary tools, resources, and infrastructure to deliver programs and services now and in the future. ☑ Delivering mandated programs and services efficiently and effectively. 	
 ☑ Exploring different ways of addressing community need. ☑ Engaging with our community and other stakeholders. 	☐ Fostering a healthy environment.☐ Enhancing quality of place.		

LOCAL MUNICIPAL PARTNER IMPACT:

The Municipality of West Elgin will be requested to install the new signage, funded by the County of Elgin.

COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS:

The OPP Elgin Detachment will be notified of the establishment of this reduced speed zone extension and the establishment of the new Community Safety Zone.

CONCLUSION:

Staff has been directed by County Council to provide a follow-up report addressing requests from the Municipality of West Elgin regarding signage needs, signage locations, and the establishment of a community safety zone in the area surrounding Aldborough Public School in the Village of Rodney. After discussions with local staff, this report recommends extending the exiting reduced speed zone along Furnival Road for an additional 190m and the establishment of a Community Safety Zone within the school zone area. These changes require amendments to existing by-laws as referenced in the report's recommendations.

All of which is Respectfully Submitted

Brian Lima, General Manager of Engineering, Planning, & Enterprise (EPE) / Deputy CAO

Peter Dutchak Manager of Transportation Services Approved for Submission

Julie Gonyou Chief Administrative Officer