

STAFF REPORT: ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



REPORT TO: Committee of the Whole
MEETING DATE: September 29, 2014
REPORT NO.: EPW.14.068
SUBJECT: Speed Limit Reduction on Bay Street East and Bayview Drive from Elgin Street to Lakeshore Road

PREPARED BY: Reg Russwurm, Director of Engineering and Public Works

A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report EPW.14.068 entitled, "Speed Limit Reduction on Bay Street East and Bayview Drive from Elgin Street to Lakeshore Road";

AND THAT Council enact a By-law to reduce the speed limit along Bay Street and Bayview Drive to 40 km from Bayview Park (Elgin Street) to Lakeshore Road.

B. Background

On August 18, 2014 Peter Zahradnik presented a deputation to Committee of the Whole requesting that the speed limit from Bayview Park (Elgin Street) to Lakeshore Road be reduced to 35km/hr (Attachment #1). A map of the area in question is provided as Attachment #2. On September 3rd, 2014 Council approved the following recommendation:

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains supports the request of the residents of Bay Street and Bayview Drive to reduce the speed to 40 km from Bayview Park (Elgin Street) to Lakeshore Road, subject to information provided by staff in a future Staff Report, **CARRIED.**

Town Staff recommend that Council enact the attached draft by-law (Attachment #3), after which the Roads and Drainage Division will proceed with amendments to documents and erection of signage.

C. The Blue Mountains' Strategic Plan

The enactment of the proposed By-law furthers the Town's Strategic Goal No. 2, "Addressing the Town's municipal infrastructure needs"

D. Environmental Impacts

None.

E. Financial Impact

The costs associated with the preparation and erection of signage is less than \$1000.

These costs will be absorbed in the 2014 Roads and Drainage Operations Budget.

F. In Consultation With

Jim McCannell, Manager Roads and Drainage

G. Attached

1. Deputation: Request for Speed Reduction – presented August 18, 2014, Committee of the Whole
2. Map of the Area
3. Draft By-law to prescribe a speed limit for motor vehicles on a highway portion within the municipality

Respectfully submitted,

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REQUEST FOR SPEED REDUCTION

We the undersigned residents of Bay Street East and Bayview Drive, request that the Town of Blue Mountain implement a reduction in the speed limit on Bay St. East/Bayview Drive from Bayview Park (Elgin Street) to Lakeshore Road.

The present paved road width is only 23 feet wide approximately (actual 22'-10"). The road is used by many pedestrians to access Bayview Park, the tennis courts and the children's play area. In addition cyclists using the Georgian Trail come out on to Bayview Drive at the former Russell Street intersection.

Children, pedestrians, joggers and cyclists need to feel safe on our roads as there are no sidewalks on this narrow road.

Highway 26 south of Bay Street East starting at Grey Street has a speed limit of 50km/hr and has a sidewalk on the south side with a wide gravel shoulder on the north side from Grey Street to Elgin Street and from there has sidewalks on both sides of the highway.

We request the speed limit on this section of road (Bay St. E / Bayview Drive) be reduced to 35km/hr with numerous speed signs erected in both directions. In particular, signage is needed within approximately 50 meters of the "S" turns on Bay Street E. and Bayview Drive, as drivers seem to think that a straightaway gives them the right to speed up.

In addition we request that the new speed limit be enforced for the first three months to ensure motorists will comply.

We are also concerned about the number of large trucks that use Grey Street, Bay Street and Bayview Drive when there is a highway available 50 meters south. Residential roads are not designed for the heavy loads and frequency of use.

Area Map



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

BY-LAW NO. 2014 -

Being a By-law to prescribe a speed limit for motor vehicles on a highway portion within the municipality

WHEREAS subsection 128(2) of the *Highway Traffic Act, chapter H.8, R.S.O. 1990*, as amended, authorizes the council of a municipality to prescribe by by-law a speed limit for motor vehicles driven on any highway or portion of highway under its jurisdiction;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient by Council to restrict the speed of motor vehicles on certain highways in The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains enacts as follows:

- 1. When any highway or portion of highway set out below is marked in compliance with the regulations under the *Highway Traffic Act*, the maximum rate of speed thereon shall be **40** kilometres per hour for motorized vehicles:

<u>Street</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Bay Street East	Elgin Street North	Grey Street North
Bayview Ave	Grey Street North	Lake Shore Road

- 2. The penalties provided in subsection 128(14) of the *Highway Traffic Act* shall apply to offences against this By-law.
- 3. Any designation made in section 1 shall not become effective until speed limit signs have been erected in accordance with the regulations of the *Highway Traffic Act*.

Enacted and passed this day of , 2014

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Ellen Anderson, Mayor

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Corrina Giles, Clerk