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On March 24, 2022 Regional Council made the following decision:

1. The Region's Community Safety Zone bylaw be amended as detailed in Attachment 1 of this report.
2. The Regional Solicitor prepare the necessary bylaw.
3. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to the Clerks of the local municipalities, York Regional Police and York Region school boards.

The original staff report is attached for your information.

Please contact Joseph Petrungaro, Director, Roads and Traffic Operations, at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75220 if you have any questions with respect to this matter.

Regards,

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The Regional Municipality of York

Committee of the Whole
Transportation Services
March 3, 2022

Report of the Commissioner of Transportation Services

Community Safety Zone Bylaw Amendments

1. Recommendations

1. The Region's Community Safety Zone bylaw be amended as detailed in Attachment 1 of this report.
2. The Regional Solicitor prepare the necessary bylaw.
3. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to the Clerks of the local municipalities, York Regional Police and York Region school boards.

2. Summary

This report seeks Council approval to amend the Region's Community Safety Zone bylaw to reflect the limits of the new school zone speed limit reductions implemented in September 2021.

Key Points:

- Community Safety Zone is a designation under the Ontario *Highway Traffic Act* intended to help change driver behaviour and increase safety for all road users in areas of special consideration, such as near schools, daycare centres, retirement residences or high-collision locations
- Council previously approved designation of Community Safety Zones in all School Zones on the Regional road network, subject to authorized exceptions
- Community Safety Zone bylaw amendments are required to reflect the limits of the new school zone speed limit reductions that were implemented in September 2021

3. Background

Community Safety Zones are enacted through municipal bylaw and intended to help increase safety for all road users

A Community Safety Zone is a designation under the Ontario *Highway Traffic Act* and is intended to help change driver behaviour, including reducing speed and distracted driving and improving safety on roads. Fines are increased for traffic offences within a designated Community Safety Zone. A municipal bylaw must be enacted to designate a Community Safety Zone.

Community Safety Zones are typically designated on roadways near schools, daycare centres, retirement residences or high-collision locations, to advise motorists they are within a zone where public safety is of special concern.

May 2012, Council approved designation of Community Safety Zones in all school zones on the Regional road network, subject to authorized exceptions

In May 2012, Council approved revisions to the Community Safety Zone Warrant Criteria Policy to designate all school zones as Community Safety Zones. Council further directed staff to request York Regional Police and each local municipality to identify any exceptions or deletions of specific Community Safety Zones.

May 2021, Council approved a Region-wide speed limit reduction in all school zones

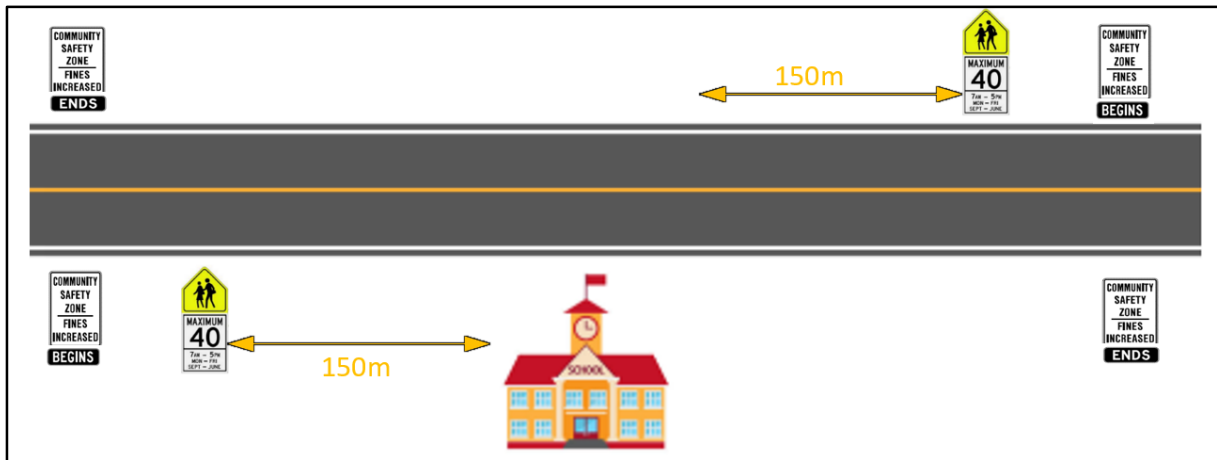
In August 2020, the Province introduced a new school zone maximum speed sign with a reduced speed limit. In [May 2021](#), Council approved implementation of school zone speed limit reductions for more than 60 school zones located on Regional roads. The new school zone speed limits were implemented in September 2021. As per the Ontario *Highway Traffic Act*, school zone speed limit reductions are limited to 150 metres on either side of the school property. This requires Community Safety Zones to be placed beyond 150 metres to fully include the school zone.

4. Analysis

Community Safety Zone bylaw amendments are required to reflect the limits of the new school zone speed limit reductions implemented in September 2021

Revisions to the bylaw are primarily focused on extending the Community Safety Zone limits to include the entire school zone speed limit reduction, as illustrated in Figure 1.

Figure 1
Community Safety Zone Revision



It is important school zones are contained completely within the limits of a designated Community Safety Zone. This provides consistency for on-street signs and travel through the Region and can mean improved compliance by motorists. This also helps with enforcement and minimizes the potential for legal challenges based on discrepancies.

The Community Safety Zone bylaw requires amendment to reflect on-street changes, as detailed in Attachment 1.

Through consultation with the school boards operating in York Region, staff have confirmed no new schools will be opening and no existing schools will be permanently closing in 2022/2023.

5. Financial

There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

6. Local Impact

Community Safety Zones are intended to help change driver behaviour, including reducing speed and distracted driving and improving safety on roads where public safety is of special concern.

York Regional Police, School Boards and local municipalities have been advised of the changes and no objections were raised.

7. Conclusion

Since 2012, Community Safety Zones have been implemented in many school zones across the Region to help improve safety for all road users.

Community Safety Zone bylaw amendments are required to reflect the limits of the new school zone speed limit reductions that were implemented in September 2021. Staff recommend the bylaw be amended as detailed in Attachment 1 of this report. Subject to Council approval, the Regional Solicitor will amend the bylaw to include these revisions.

For more information on this report, please contact Joseph Petrungaro, Director, Roads and Traffic Operations, at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75220. Accessible formats or communication supports are available upon request.



Recommended by:

Ann-Marie Carroll

Acting Commissioner of Transportation Services



Approved for Submission:

Bruce Macgregor

Chief Administrative Officer

February 9, 2022

Attachment (1)

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Community Safety Zone Bylaw Revisions

Location	Existing Limits	Required Revisions
Town of Aurora		
Bloomington Road (Y.R. 40)	From 90 metres west of the west limit of Bathurst Street (Y.R. 38) to 450 metres west of the west limit of Yonge Street (Y.R. 1)	Extend the east limit 225 metres Extend the west limit 55 metres
Wellington Street East (Y.R. 15)	From 800 metres east of the east limit of Bathurst Street (Y.R. 38) to 680 metres west of the west limit of Bayview Avenue (Y.R. 34)	Extend the east limit 160 metres
Town of East Gwillimbury		
2nd Concession Road (Y.R. 34)	From 60 metres south of the south limit of Mount Albert Road (Y.R. 13) to 530 metres south of the south limit of Mount Albert Road (Y.R. 13)	Extend the north limit 680 metres Reduce the south limit 80 metres
Leslie Street (Y.R. 12)	From 440 metres north of the north limit of Queensville Sideroad (Y.R. 77) to 790 metres north of the north limit of Queensville Sideroad (Y.R. 77)	Extend the south Limit 50 metres Extend the north limit 40 metres
Leslie Street (Y.R. 12)	From 270 metres south of the south limit of Queensville Sideroad (Y.R. 77) to 640 metres south of the south limit of Queensville Sideroad (Y.R. 77)	Extend the north limit 60 metres Extend the south limit 90 metres
Town of Georgina		
Glenwoods Avenue (Y.R. 33)	From 100 metres east of the east limit of The Queensway (Y.R. 12) to 830 metres east of the east limit of The Queensway (Y.R. 12)	Extend the west limit 100 metres
Old Homestead Road (Y.R. 79)	From 20 metres east of the east limit of Metro Road (Y.R. 78) to 375 metres east of the east limit of Metro Road (Y.R. 78)	Extend the west limit 20 metres

Location	Existing Limits	Required Revisions
Township of King		
Bathurst Street (Y.R. 38)	From 50 metres north of the north limit of Graham Sideroad to 550 metres south thereof	Extend north limit 120 metres Extend south limit 50 metres
Dufferin Street (Y.R. 53)	From 880 metres north of the north limit of King Road (Y.R. 11) to 1500 metres north of the north limit of King Road (Y.R. 11)	Extend the south limit 220 metres
Highway 27 (Y.R. 27)	From 470 metres north of the north limit of Lloydtown-Aurora Road (Y.R. 16) to 940 metres north of the north limit of Lloydtown-Aurora Road (Y.R. 16)	Extend the north limit 115 metres
King Road (Y.R. 11)	From the east limit of Warren Road to the west limit of Keele Street (Y.R. 6)	Extend the east limit 65 metres
Lloydtown/Aurora Road (Y.R. 16)	From 560 metres west of the west limit of Jane Street (Y.R. 55) to 850 metres west of the west limit of Jane Street (Y.R. 55)	Extend the east limit 110 metres Extend the west limit 200 metres
City of Markham		
14th Avenue (Y.R. 71)	From 10 metres east of the east limit of McCowan Road (Y.R. 67) to 200 metres east of the east limit of McCowan Road (Y.R. 67)	Extend the west limit 200 metres Extend the east limit 175 metres
16th Avenue (Y.R. 73)	From 60 metres east of the east limit of Markham Road to 690 metres east of the east limit of Markham Road	Extend the east limit 105 metres
16th Avenue (Y.R. 73)	From 250 metres west of the west limit of Kennedy Road (Y.R. 3) to 150 metres east of the east limit of Kennedy Road (Y.R. 3)	Extend the west limit 110 metres Extend the east limit 65 metres
Kennedy Road (Y.R. 3)	From 430 metres south of the south limit of 14th Avenue (Y.R. 71) to 980 metres south of the south limit of 14th Avenue (Y.R. 71)	Extend the north limit 130 metres Extend the south limit 20 metres

Location	Existing Limits	Required Revisions
Kennedy Road (Y.R. 3)	From 750 metres south of the south limit of 16th Avenue (Y.R. 73) to 250 metres north of the north limit of 16th Avenue (Y.R. 73)	Extend the north limit 200 metres
Leslie Street (Y.R. 12)	From 930 metres south of the south limit of Highway 7 (Y.R. 7) to 1350 metres south of the south limit of Highway 7 (Y.R. 7)	Extend the north limit 70 metres Extend the south limit 55 metres
McCowan Road (Y.R. 67)	From 650 metres south of the south limit of 16th Avenue (Y.R. 73) to 1100 metres south of the south limit of 16th Avenue (Y.R. 73)	Extend the north limit 170 metres
Warden Avenue (Y.R. 65)	From 50 metres north of the north limit of Highway 7 (Y.R. 7) to 600 metres north of the north limit of Highway 7 (Y.R. 7)	Extend the south limit 50 metres Extend the north limit 100 metres
Town of Newmarket		
Bayview Avenue/Prospect Street (Y.R. 34)	From 410 metres north of the north limit of Mulock Drive (Y.R. 74) to 770 metres north of the north limit of Mulock Drive (Y.R. 74)	Extend the south limit 255 metres Extend the north limit 230 metres
City of Richmond Hill		
Bayview Avenue (Y.R. 34)	From 1070 metres south of the south limit of Major Mackenzie Drive East (Y.R. 25) to 370 metres south of the south limit of 19th Avenue (Y.R. 29)	Extend the north limit 215 metres
Leslie Street (Y.R. 12)	From 100 metres north of the north limit of Elgin Mills Road East (Y.R. 49) to 660 metres north of the north limit of Elgin Mills Road East (Y.R. 49)	Extend the south limit 30 metres Extend the north limit 75 metres
Major Mackenzie Drive East (Y.R. 25)	From 1070 metres west of the west limit of Yonge Street (Y.R. 1) to 280 metres west of the west limit of Bayview Avenue (Y.R. 34)	Extend the west limit 125 metres Extend the east limit 105 metres

Location	Existing Limits	Required Revisions
Yonge Street (Y.R. 1)	From 75 metres south of the south limit of Regatta Avenue to the north limit of Blackforest Drive	Extend the south limit 445 metres Extend the north limit 95 metres
City of Vaughan		
16th Avenue/Carrville Road (Y.R. 73)	From 650 metres east of the east limit of Bathurst Street (Y.R. 38) to 450 metres west of the west limit of Bayview Avenue (Y.R. 34)	Extend the west limit 100 metres Extend the east limit 135 metres
Bathurst Street (Y.R. 38)	From 950 metres north of the north limit of Rutherford Road/ Carrville Road (Y.R. 73) to 630 metres south of the south limit of Rutherford Road/ Carrville Road (Y.R. 73)	Extend the south limit 160 metres
Bathurst Street (Y.R. 38)	From 640 metres north of the north limit of Centre Street (Y.R. 71) to 1250 metres north Centre Street (Y.R. 71)	Extend the south limit 100 metres
Keele Street (Y.R. 6)	From 150 metres north of the north limit of Rutherford Road (Y.R. 73) to 600 metres north of the north limit of Rutherford Road (Y.R. 73)	Extend the south limit 15 metres Extend the north limit 115 metres
Major Mackenzie Drive West (Y.R. 25)	From 360 metres west of the west limit of Weston Road (Y.R. 56) to 950 metres west of the west limit of Weston Road (Y.R. 56)	Extend the west limit 50 metres
Weston Road (Y.R. 56)	From 850 metres north of the north limit of Rutherford Road (Y.R. 73) to 1360 metres north of the north limit of Rutherford Road (Y.R. 73)	Extend the south limit 110 metres Extend the north limit 100 metres
Yonge Street (Y.R. 1)	From 450 metres south of the south limit of Centre Street (Y.R. 71) to 730 metres south of the south limit of Centre Street (Y.R. 71)	Extend the north limit 115 metres Extend the south limit 160 metres

Location	Existing Limits	Required Revisions
Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville		
Aurora Road (Y.R. 15)	From 610 metres east of the east limit of Highway 48 to 1180 metres east of the east limit of Highway 48	Extend the west limit 25 metres Extend the east limit 150 metres
Bloomington Road (Y.R. 40)	From 300 metres west of the west limit of Warden Avenue (Y.R. 65) to 230 metres east of the east limit of Warden Avenue (Y.R. 65)	Extend the west limit 145 metres
Ninth Line (Y.R. 69)	From 250 metres north of the north limit of Hoover Park Drive to 350 metres south of the south limit of Hoover Park Drive in the town of Whitchurch-Stouffville	Extend the north limit 105 metres Reduce the south limit 195 metres
Ninth Line (Y.R. 69)	From 150 metres north of the north limit of Stouffville Road (Y.R. 14) to 750 metres north of the north limit of Stouffville Road (Y.R. 14)	Extend the south Limit 75 metres Extend the north limit 140 metres
Warden Avenue (Y.R. 65)	From 390 metres north of the north limit of Bloomington Road (Y.R. 40) to 70 metres south of the south limit of Bloomington Road (Y.R. 40)	Extend the north limit 85 metres Extend the south limit 70 metres