

**Meeting Date:** March 3, 2025  
**Department:** Engineering and Public Works  
**Report No.:** EPW-2025-13  
**Submitted by:** Mark Ortiz, Director of Engineering and Public Works  
**Approved by:** Rob Browning, Chief Administrative Officer  
**SUBJECT:** **Speed Limit Request Policy**

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**RECOMMENDATION: THAT: Report EPW-2025-13 “Speed Limit Request Policy” be received for information, and further;**

**THAT: Council endorse the Speed Limit Request Policy, and further;**

**THAT: By-law No. 29-25 be referred to the Consideration of By-laws section of the agenda for consideration and adoption.**

## **BACKGROUND:**

In response to ongoing concerns from residents about traffic speeds and road safety, the Traffic Committee recommended the establishment of a Speed Limit Request Policy. The goal is to create a standardized, transparent, and data-supported process for evaluating speed limit changes on Municipal owned roads.

## **COMMENTS:**

Speed limit change requests are common inquiries that staff and Council receive. The proposed policy outlines a five-step process for handling these requests as described in the attached Speed Limit Request Policy:

1. Review Initiation
  - Residents or Council member submit a Speed Limit Request Form to the Municipality
2. Initial Screening
  - Staff conduct an evaluation to determine if the request meets minimum criteria for further study
3. Speed Limit Change
  - Staff analyze traffic data and roadway characteristics to determine an appropriate speed limit recommendation
4. Approval

- Recommended speed limit change is presented to Council for review and approval
- 5. Implementation
  - Upon approval, new speed limit signs are installed in accordance with Ontario Traffic Manual Book 5 guidelines

#### Data Collection & Evaluation

The Municipality currently operates 12 solar-powered speed radar signs that continuously collect traffic volume and speed data. These devices will be used to support evidence-based decision making when evaluating speed limit requests.

Staff are recommending that Council endorse the Speed Limit Request Policy to establish a consistent, data-driven, and transparent procedure for evaluating and implementing changes to speed limits on municipal owned roadways.

#### **CONSULTATION:**

- Chief of Police
- Manager of Public Works

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Any speed limit signs that need to be modified using this policy will be funded from the Public Works operating budget.

#### **ALTERNATIVE(S) TO THE RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Council to provide alternate direction.

#### **STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

This matter is in accord with the following strategic priorities:

**Local Infrastructure:** Households and businesses in Strathroy-Caradoc are supported by reliable, financially responsible and well-maintained infrastructure networks.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Speed Limit Request Policy