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To: Mayor and Council

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RE: Jasperson Drive Community / School Zone

RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. That Kingsville Traffic By-Law 21-2005 **BE AMENDED** to include a Community Safety Zone on Jasperson Drive from a point 110 metres north of the centreline of Woodycrest Ave to a point 245 metres south of the centreline of Woodycrest Ave.
2. That Kingsville Traffic By-Law 21-2005 **BE AMENDED** to include a School Zone on Jasperson Drive from a point 110 metres north of the centreline of Woodycrest Ave to a point 245 metres south of the centreline of Woodycrest Ave with a prescribed rate of speed of 40 kilometres per hour.
3. That Kingsville Traffic By-Law 21-2005 **BE AMENDED** to include a Community Safety Zone on Woodycrest Ave from Jasperson Drive to a point 60 metres west of Jasperson Drive.
4. That Kingsville Traffic By-Law 21-2005 **BE AMENDED** to include a School Zone on Woodycrest Ave from Jasperson Drive to a point 60 metres west of Jasperson Drive with a prescribed rate of speed of 40 kilometres per hour.

BACKGROUND

The Greater Essex County District School Board is currently constructing a new school (Kindergarten to Grade 12) on the east side of Jasperson Drive. The Board aims to complete construction and open this school for September of 2024.

In 2020, in preparation for the new school, the Town reconstructed Jasperson Drive. As part of this project, Jasperson Drive was converted to a three-lane roadway from Main Street East to the proposed school site. From there, it transitions to a two-lane roadway until it reaches Road 2 East.

Following construction, Administration and Council have received complaints from residents of Jasperson with respect to speeding.

In consideration of the above described issues and the upcoming school year, Council passed the following motion:

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*That Council **DIRECTS** Administration to bring a report back to Council on community safety zone options for Jasperson Drive.*

DISCUSSION

The Ontario Highway Traffic Act provides a few options for addressing speeding in the vicinity of schools.

Community Safety Zones

The council of a municipality may by by-law designate a part of a roadway under its jurisdiction as a community safety zone, if, in the council's opinion, public safety is of special concern on that part of the roadway. Financial penalties for speeding in community safety zones are doubled in an effort to discourage speeding. Community safety zones are common near schools in Ontario.

School Zones

The council of a municipality may by by-law designate a part of a roadway under its jurisdiction along and within 150 metres of a school property as a school zone. School zones allow a municipality to reduce the rate of speed and install specialty signage in an effort to discourage speeding. According to the TAC School and Playground Areas and Zones: Guidelines for Application and Implementation (2006) Manual, the speed limit within a school zone should be reduced to 40 km/h.

Community safety zones and school zones are often used in tandem in order to reduce speed, increase penalties for speeding, and encourage compliance.

A schematic detailing both a community safety zone and school zone on Jasperson and Woodycrest is attached in Appendix A. Should Council endorse the recommendations of this report, signage will be installed per this schematic.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

All costs for signage will be expensed to the 2024 Public Works Operational Budget. \$3500 is the estimated cost for all labour and materials.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

N/A

CONSULTATIONS

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