

ACTION REQUEST – Transportation Services	
To:	Warden and Members of Council
Date of Meeting:	November 15, 2021
Subject:	Speed Limit Updates – Morrisburg and Winchester

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT By-law No. 5324, being a By-law to revise the prescribed rate of speed for motor vehicles driven on certain County roads, be read and passed in Open Council, signed and sealed

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Staff are recommending speed limit changes in both Morrisburg and Winchester based on current development which has taken place in both these communities.

BACKGROUND:

With the impending completion of the roundabout and streetscaping work in Morrisburg, as well as the continued expansion of Winchester because of the Wellings project, staff have reviewed the existing speed limits through both of these communities to ascertain if updates to the posted speed were necessary. The following changes are being recommended based on our analysis.

Morrisburg

The extension of the existing 50km/hr speed zone was warranted in both the easterly and westerly direction to account for the changing streetscape and to harmonize speeds into the newly reconfigured 'downtown'. Staff are proposing to start the 50km/hr zone at a point between Merkley and Augusta Street (550m west of the intersection of SDG 31), and continue this speed zone on County Road 2 east to Allison Ave. A 60km/hr transitional speed zone would extend 350m east, 400m west of the revised 50km/hr speed zone. A new 60km/hr transitional speed zone would additionally be introduced 350m north of the existing 50km/hr zone on County Road 31.

The changes as outlined above will provide a more harmonized speed limit approach through Morrisburg and will compliment/encourage speed compliance through the newly reconstructed area.

Winchester

With the growth associated with the Wellings project and newer 'on-street' pedestrian facilities on the north side of County Road 3 from downtown Winchester to the Sobey's complex, staff are recommending that the existing 50km/hr zone be

extended westerly to Dawley Drive. The 60km/hr transitional zone would be shortened from SDG 31 to Dawley Drive.

OPTIONS AND DISCUSSION:

1. **Approve the recommended changes to the aforementioned speed limits (Recommended).**
2. **Accept some of the recommended changes (Not Recommended).**
Council has the ultimate authority to set speed limits via By-law, and, may choose to accept some, but not all, of the recommendations.
3. **Do not approve the changes.** Not recommended

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS:

Although there will be a requirement to purchase and install new signs, the speed limit changes will have a negligible financial impact, and, will be paid for out of the general sign budget.

LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT:

The speed limit changes will be communicated with the local Public Works Officials and the OPP.

RELEVANCE TO STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Speed limits that reflect the roadside environment support liveable and safe communities, which is consistent with SDG Strategic Priority No. 4, ***Community Sustainability – A Place Where You Want to Be***

OTHERS CONSULTED:

- N/A

ATTACHMENTS:


- By-law 5324

RECOMMENDED BY:



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APPROVED BY:



T.J. Simpson, CAO