

Committee Report

- To: Warden Mitch Twolan Members of the Transportation & Environmental Services Committee
- From: Miguel Pelletier Director of Transportation & Environmental Services

Date: July 9, 2020

Re: Proposed Speed Limit Reduction and Extension on Bruce Road 86

Staff Recommendation:

That the proposed speed limit reduction from 70 kilometers per hour to 60 kilometers per hour on Bruce Road 86 in the Hamlet of Whitechurch be approved; and,

That the new proposed speed limit of 60 kilometers per hour on Bruce Road 86 in the Hamlet of Whitechurch be extended to the west by 70 meters and to the east by 40 meters; and,

That a by-law be introduced to authorize speed limits on the Bruce County Road System and in construction zones; and,

That By-law 2019-030 be repealed.

Background:

The County of Bruce and the County of Huron have joint jurisdiction over Bruce Road 86, being the boundary road between the two counties.

In November 2019, the Municipality of Huron-Kinloss received correspondence from a resident that lives on Bruce Road 86 in the Hamlet of Whitechurch regarding the speed of traffic. Huron-Kinloss referred the matter to Bruce County and it was referred, in turn, to Huron County as this section of Bruce Road 86 is maintained by the County of Huron.

Following their investigation of this area, Huron County Public Works recommended that the speed limit on Bruce Road 86 through the Hamlet of Whitechurch be reduced from 70km/hr to 60km/hr and also, that the reduced speed zone be extended to the west by 70m and to the east by 40m. This extension of the 60km/hr posted zone would allow the Whitechurch Park (baseball park) and Feed Mill to be safely within the 60km/hr zone. Attached is the Huron County Committee report regarding this proposed speed reduction and a map of the area depicting the current and proposed limits of the speed zone.

Huron County has requested Bruce County's approval of this reduced speed limit change and extension.

In an email dated March 23, 2020, Huron County agreed to install the speed limit signage once by-laws from both Counties have been passed.

Bruce County staff also undertook an analysis of the area in question conforming to Bruce County's policy for traffic calming and the results were similar to those of Huron County. The speed limit will therefore be reduced following the signing of the by-laws by both Counties and the installation of the appropriate signage.

Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:

There are no financial, staffing, legal or IT considerations associated with this report.

Interdepartmental Consultation:

Not applicable

Link to Strategic Goals and Elements:

Goal #6 Explore alternate options to improve efficiency, service Element #D Coordinate working with other agencies

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