
DATE: August 10, 2009

REPORT TITLE: **REVIEW OF EXISTING FLASHING SPEED LIMIT ZONES
A REVISION TO THE TIMES OF OPERATION ON REGIONAL ROAD 4
(DIXIE ROAD), REGIONAL ROAD 9 (KING STREET) AND REGIONAL
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FROM: Dan Labrecque, Commissioner of Environment, Transportation
and Planning Services

RECOMMENDATION

That a by-law be enacted to amend By-law 57-2005 with respect to adding to the hours of operation of the existing flashing 60 kilometres per hour speed limit zone on Regional Road 4 (Dixie Road) from 230 metres north of Octillo Drive to 239 metres south of Countryside Drive on Monday and Wednesday by extending the activated hours from 5:00p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on school days;

And further, that a by-law be enacted to amend By-law 57-2005 with respect to changing the hours of operation of the flashing 40 kilometres per hour speed limit zone on Regional Road 9 (King Street) from 440 metres west of Heart Lake Road to 520 metres east of Kennedy Road to be active from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.;

And further, that a by-law be enacted to amend By-law 57-2005 with respect to changing the limits of the flashing 40 kilometre per hour speed limit zone on Regional Road 50 (Highway 50) from 45 metres south of Patterson Sideroad/Gibson Lake Drive to Brawton Drive and changing the hours of operation of the zone to be active from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.;

And further, that the necessary by-law be presented to Regional Council for enactment;

And further, that the Peel Regional Police and Ontario Provincial Police – Caledon Detachment be advised.

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REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- Staff were requested by Council to contact the school principals in the vicinity of flashing speed limit zones, on Regional Roads, to request feedback regarding the times of operation of the flashing speed limit zone and whether they suit their schools' daily activities.
- Nearly all of the principals requested that the existing times of operation in front of their schools remain the same, except for three schools.
- Principals at St. Marguerite d'Youville Secondary School on Regional Road 4 (Dixie Road), Herb Campbell Public School located on Regional Road 9 (King Street) and Palgrave Public School located on Regional Road 50 (Highway 50) requested a revision to the time of operation of the flashing speed limit zone in front of their school.
- The principal from Palgrave School on Regional Road 50 (Highway 50) also requested a new limit for the zone in front of the school and due to the new access at Patterson Sideroad/Gibson Lake Drive.

DISCUSSION

1. Background

In June 2008, Council requested that staff canvas the school principals at Peel district schools in the vicinity of the flashing speed limit zones on Regional Roads.

The principals were asked to comment on whether they felt the times of operation suited their schools' daily activities and whether they felt there was compliance by motorists. Staff also contacted the Peel Regional Police and the Ontario Provincial Police – Caledon Detachment for their feedback on compliance in the flashing speed limit zones. Peel Regional Police commented that most of the zones had nothing out of the ordinary to comment on. However, one Staff Sergeant indicated that the *"The speed zones signs at Huttonville Public School are considered by the police to be a great benefit. This acts as a deterrent for speeders and makes for a safer community."*

2. Findings

i) Times of Operation

The correspondence received from the principals was very positive, in terms of having the flashing school zone on during school hours. Their responses can be found in Appendix I.

Three of the schools requested that the times of operation of the flashing speed limit zone in the vicinity of their school be changed. Two are 40 kilometres per hour flashing speed limit zones, one on Regional Road 9 (King Street) Herb Campbell Public School and one on Regional Road 50 (Highway 50) Palgrave Public School, as shown in Appendix II. The third school is St. Marguerite d'Youville Secondary School which has a flashing 60 km/h flashing speed limit zone, as shown in Appendix III.

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The schools requested times of operation of the flashing speed limit zone signs are as follows:

	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
• Alton Public School	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	No Change
• St. Marguerite d'Youville Secondary School	7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 5:00p.m to 10:00pm on Monday and Wednesday
• Huttonville Public School	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	No Change
• Herb Campbell Public School	8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
• Palgrave Public School	7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
• Macville Public School	8:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.	No Change
• Credit View Public School	7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	No Change
• Castlemore Public School	8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. 10:40 a.m. to 11:25 a.m. 1:05 p.m. to 1:50 p.m. 3:20 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	No Change

The following issues were raised in the principals' correspondence:

The principal at St. Marguerite d'Youville Secondary School located on Regional Road 4 (Dixie Road), requested that the flashing times of operation be extended on Monday and Wednesday evenings to accommodate the 1000 students attending night school. The Highway Traffic Act allows for these evening times of operation.

At Huttonville Public School, the principal indicated concern for motorists not complying with the posted speed limits, within the vicinity of the school. Staff responded that a traffic radar trailer would be utilized to remind motorists of the posted speed limit and the travelled speed limit. Peel Regional Police were also copied for enforcement when their resources permit.

ii) Zone Limits

The principal at Palgrave Public School requested that the limits of the flashing speed limit zone be changed to accommodate the school's new access on Patterson Sideroad. A new building has been built on the existing property. The existing access on Regional Road 50 (Highway 50) has been closed and the boulevard and ditch has been reinstated. Therefore, the south limit of the flashing speed zone which is at Patterson Sideroad/Gibson Lake Drive

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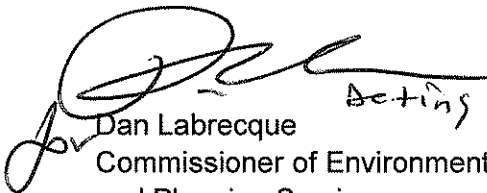
should be extended to 45 metres (147 feet) south of the intersection and the north limit as Brawton Drive, as shown in Appendix II.

iii) Traffic By-law Revision

During review of the traffic by-law Schedule 1, Parts 16 and 18, a duplication was found at one of the flashing speed limit zones. The zone on Regional Road 9 (King Street) from 417 metres west of The Gore Road to 540 metres east of Centreville Creek Road should be removed from Part 16 as it is already listed in Part 18.

CONCLUSION

As a result of the recent responses received from the school principals, a by-law is required to be enacted to amend By-law 57-2005. This amendment will reflect the requested time changes to the operation of the flashing speed limit zones, in the vicinity of the three schools located on Regional Road 4 (Dixie Road), Regional Road 9 (King Street) and on Regional Road 50 (Highway 50) including a revision to the limits of the flashing speed limit zone on Regional Road 50 (Highway 50) in the vicinity of Palgrave Public School.


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ALTON PUBLIC SCHOOL**From:** Walmsley, Michael**Sent:** May 8, 2009 9:10 AM**Subject:** RE: Flashing Speed Limit zone in front of schools on Regional roads

"Thank you for all of the work that you are doing to look after the safety of our school children at Alton P.S. I have had very positive feedback from parents and community members regarding the reduced speed limits during school hours. This is an excellent program that should definitely continue. Again, thank you! Take care! Michael"

HERB CAMPBELL PUBLIC SCHOOL**From:** Mathew McCutcheon**Sent:** May 8, 2009 7:56 PM**Subject:** Re: Flashing Speed Limit zone in front of schools on Regional roads

"Thank you very much for seeking our input. I would suggest revising the times for our school to 8am to 4pm as we are a large school with a significant amount of traffic for an elementary school.

Also, there have apparently been some inconsistencies with the lights working from one direction, but not being active for on-coming traffic in the opposite direction. In fact, the OPP has expressed a concern to us that they have had difficulty in court with people disputing tickets they've received from the location because of the perceived inconsistencies. Matt McCutcheon"

HUTTONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL**From:** Scarselletta, Anke**Sent:** May 8, 2009 11:36 AM**Subject:** RE: Flashing Speed Limit zone in front of schools on Regional roads

"Thank you for asking and following up with the flashing speed limit zone. I do like the time for the flashing signals. Currently, Huttonville is entirely bussed and so the students do not arrive until after 8:00 am and they are mostly gone from the school by 3:15 pm. Any students who remain for extra-curricular activities are picked up by parents. This may change if there is a change in the local housing development.

I'm not sure about the compliance, however. This is not something that I can see necessarily as there is only local traffic during our school hours. Anke Scarselletta"

From: Scarselletta, Anke**Sent:** June 4, 2009 9:05 AM**Subject:** Excessive speed on Embleton Road

"Although there is a flashing light just before the school, I am extremely concerned that motorists are ignoring the warning. We frequently see motorists moving at a very fast pace past the school. The most critical times for us would be in the morning, from about 8:00 to 8:30 am and when our buses load in the afternoon, from 2:45 until 3:15 pm. At lunch time, from 11:30 am to approximately 12:50 pm, we have parents who drop off lunches and extra staff that attend to help supervise students and so there is some school-related congestion on Embleton Road. However, at any time during the day, there are drivers speeding past the school.

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Anything you could do to assist us would be very helpful. Anke Scarselletta"

PALGRAVE PUBLIC SCHOOL

From: Johnson, Laurie

Sent: May 8, 2009 12:58 PM

Subject: RE: Flashing Speed Limit zone in front of schools on Regional roads

"At Palgrave, we will have a new entrance once we move into our new building. This entrance will be off of Patterson Sideroad/Gibson Lake Drive. The yellow flashing light is now North of Patterson. It would be more safe for the children if it was moved south of Patterson because of the turn on Patterson. I think the OPP would agree with us.

Also, our times say 7:00 to 5:00 but I believe we could have them changed to 8:00-5:00, since we start at 9:10. The traffic into the school before and after school is for our YMCA program but all students are driven.

Thanks for your consideration. Laurie"

ST. MARGUERITE d'YOUVILLE SEONDIARY SCHOOL

From: Yawney, Tim

Sent: May 8, 2009 12:06 PM

Subject: RE: Flashing Speed Limit zone in front of schools on Regional roads

"We are very grateful for the placement of the Speed Limit zone in front of our school and appreciate the support of the Region of Peel and the Peel Regional Police. The times as listed below compliment the hours of business at d'Youville and accommodate for the before school and multiple after school activities.

I would recommend consideration be given to extending the flashing light/ limited speed zone times to 10pm on Monday and Wednesday evenings when we host night school for over 1000 students.

Thank you. Tim Yawney"

From: Yawney, Tim

Sent: May 20, 2009 6:18 PM

Subject: RE: Flashing Speed Limit zone in front of schools on Regional roads

*"Good afternoon,
Night school runs from mid-September until the beginning of June, Monday and Wednesday nights. Night school starts at 6pm and ends at 9:30pm and traffic congestion is a significant problem.
Thank you for your support.*

Best regards, Tim Yawney"

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MACVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

From: Penty, Sharon

Sent: May 11, 2009 7:49 AM

Subject: RE: Flashing Speed Limit zone in front of schools on Regional roads

*"Hi Eleanor,
The times listed for Macville Public School are correct.
Thanks, Shari"*

CREDIT VIEW PUBLIC SCHOOL

From: Miller, Mariann

Sent: May 25, 2009 11:46 AM

Subject: RE: Flashing Speed Limit zone in front of schools on Regional roads

*"Good morning,
I believe the flashing speed limit zone should stay status quo.
Thank you, Mariann"*

CASTLEMORE PUBLIC SCHOOL

From: Lewis, Pat [mailto:pat.lewis@peelsb.com]

Sent: June 5, 2009 5:06 PM

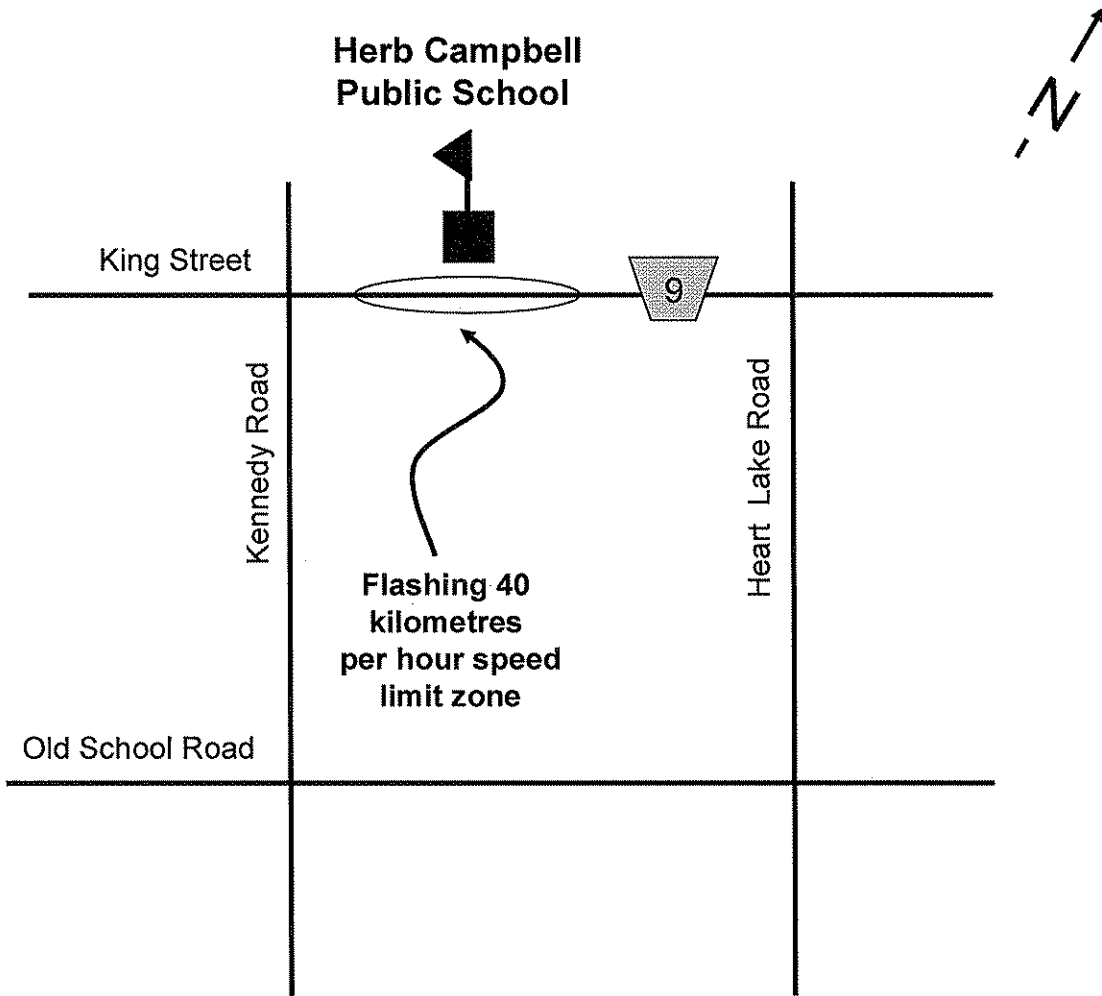
Subject: RE: Flashing Speed Limit zone in front of schools on Regional roads

*"I apologize for my delay in getting back to you with this information. We are fairly new to this building (moved in mid-April) so I haven't collected a lot of information about the flashing sign...I don't know if it is effective in slowing down traffic in front of the school. I can tell you however, that our schedule has changed for next year. Our entry time is now 9 am and buses will likely arrive around 8:45. I am currently having some discussion with staff and community about the lunch times and this could change later in June. I will let you know if it changes. Our dismissal time will be 3:20. In short, the times you've indicated in this email will likely be fine.
Thank you, Pat Lewis"*

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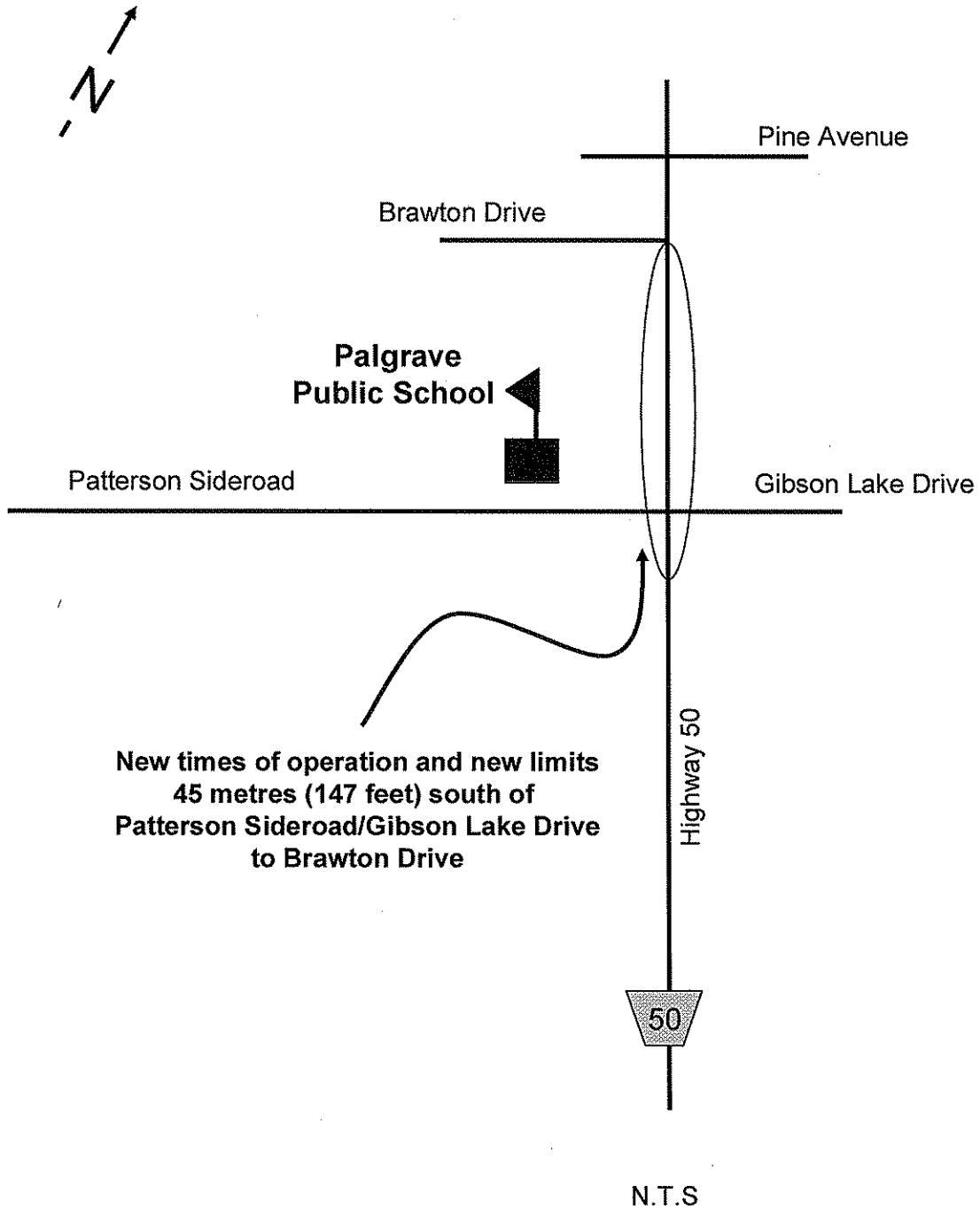
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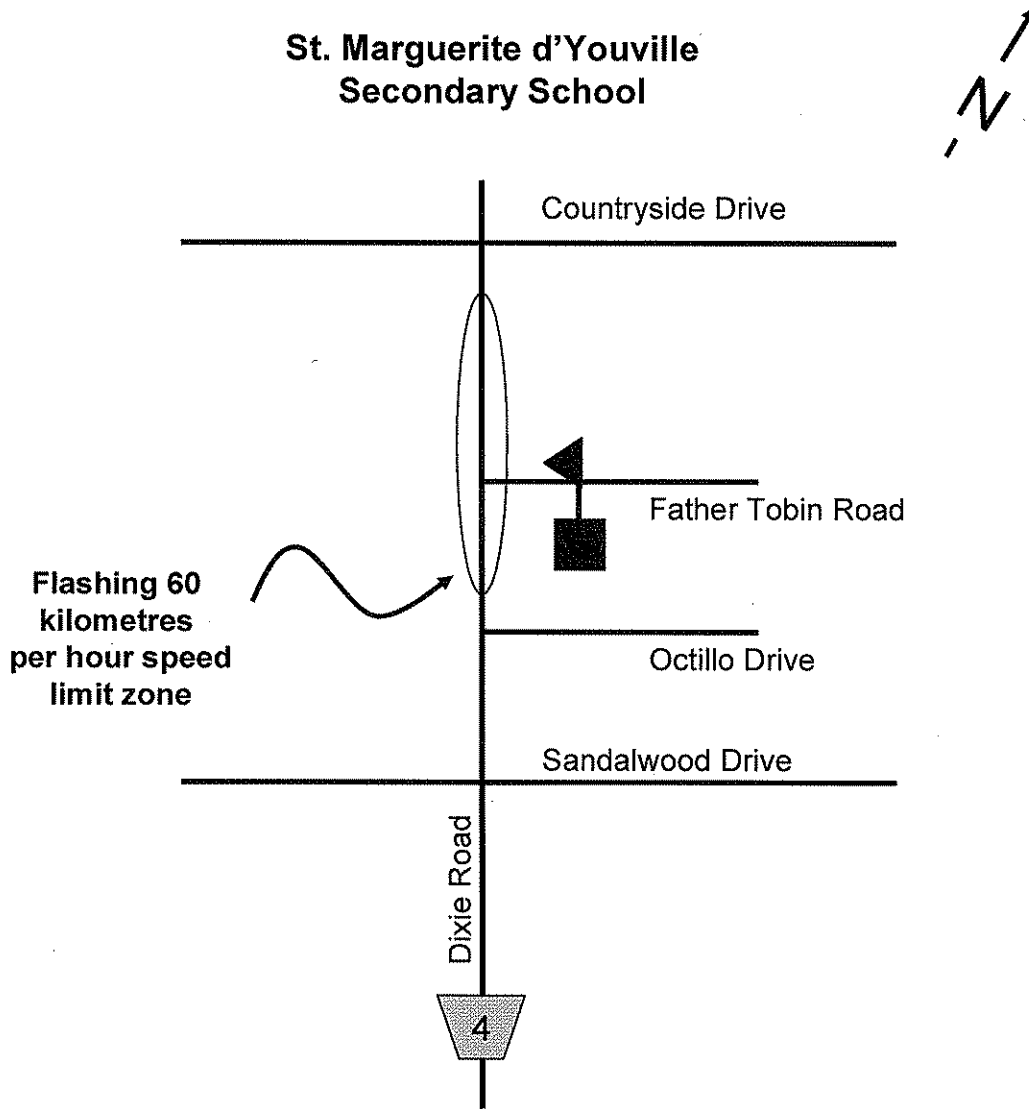
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