
DATE: July 25, 2013

REPORT TITLE: **REVISION TO THE FLASHING 40KM/H SPEED ZONE (PALGRAVE PUBLIC SCHOOL) ON HIGHWAY 50 TOWN OF CALEDON, WARD 4**

FROM: Dan Labrecque, Commissioner of Public Works

RECOMMENDATION

That the northern limits of the existing flashing 40 kilometre per hour speed limit zone on Highway 50 be relocated south from Brawton Drive to 120 metres (394 feet) north of Munro Street in the Town of Caledon;

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

And further, that the Ontario Provincial Police and the Town of Caledon be so advised.

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- A review of the flashing 40km/h school zone speed limit was conducted and identified that Palgrave Public School relocated their accesses from Highway 50.
- The review indicated that the flashing 40km/h school zone speed limit can remain on Highway 50, although the school's primary access has moved to Patterson Side Road.
- The location of the northernmost flashing 40km/h school zone speed limit sign should be relocated as prescribed by the *Highway Traffic Act*.

DISCUSSION

1. Background

By-law 45-1999 was enacted on June 10, 1999, implementing a reduced flashing school zone speed limit on Highway 50 adjacent to Palgrave Public School (8962 Patterson Sideroad).

As a proactive measure, in May of 2011 a review of the existing flashing school speed zones was conducted across the Region and it was identified that the Palgrave Public School vehicular access was relocated from Highway 50 to Patterson Side Road as part of the reconstruction of the school. A review of the existing school crossing and flashing 40 km/h school zone speed limit was conducted based on the criteria outlined in the *Highway Traffic Act* (HTA).

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The HTA identifies that, the flashing 40km/h school zone speed limit can only be placed on portions of a roadway which adjoin the entrance to, and exit from, a school within 150 metres (492 feet) along the highway in either direction beyond the property limits of the school.

2. Findings

As a result of the changes to the school accesses, and the criteria outlined in the HTA relating to "portions of a roadway which adjoin the entrance to, and exit from, a school", staff conducted a review as to whether the existing flashing 40km/h school zone speed limit could remain on Highway 50. As there are still pedestrian accesses into the school property located on Highway 50, staff assessed the legal implications as well as contacted the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to receive clarification on whether an "entrance to, and exit from, a school" referred to vehicular accesses only, or if it included pedestrian accesses.

The review identified that since there are still pedestrian accesses to the school on Highway 50, the flashing 40km/h school zone speed limit should remain on Highway 50.

In addition to this, staff are recommending that the northern flashing 40km/h school zone speed limit sign (for south bound traffic) be relocated from Brawton Drive to 120 metres (394 feet) north of Munro Street to adhere to the limits outlined in the HTA.

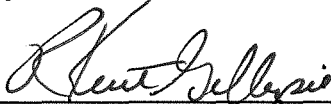
CONCLUSION

In order to maintain the integrity of the Palgrave Public School flashing 40km/h school zone speed limit and to ensure that it conforms with the HTA a change in the location of the northern sign as well as an amendment to the accompanying traffic by-law 15-2013 is required.



per Dan Labrecque
Commissioner of Public Works

Approved for Submission:



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APPENDIX I

