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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Bonnette and Members of Council

FROM: Maureen Van Ravens, Director of Transportation

DATE: October 12, 2021

MEMO NO.: TPW-2021-0004

SUBJECT: Glen Williams Speeding Concerns

PURPOSE OF THE MEMORANDUM:

This memorandum provides the Mayor and Members of Council an outline of the proposed workplan to address the speeding concerns within Glen Williams raised by the surrounding community.

BACKGROUND:

Over the last number of years, staff have received numerous concerns about speeding within the Hamlet of Glen Williams. More specifically speeding issues have been raised on Wildwood Road, Confederation Street, Eighth Line, Prince Street and Main Street. Staff have collected both volume and speed data on various roads and confirmed that some roadways have unacceptable operating speeds based on the posted speed limit. Various non-intrusive traffic calming measures have been implemented over the years, which included signage, pavement marking, flashing beacons, raised crosswalks and gateway features. There is also an existing speed hump on Prince Street and flexible bollards have been installed on Confederation Street. In addition, staff have deployed the Radar Messaging Boards along with a police silhouette on various roads within the Hamlet, numerous times over the years.

Halton Regional Police Service have also been made aware of the speeding concerns within the community and have been providing speed enforcement on many of the collector roads in Glen Williams as resources are available.

COMMENTS:

Notwithstanding the traffic calming measures that have been implemented over the years, staff continue to receive complaints from residents about speeding. Recently, Confederation Street residents have raised concerns with the increase in speeds and the lack of Active Transportation infrastructure such as sidewalks for pedestrians. The Town has received a petition from a group of residents in Glen Williams concerned about the safety of pedestrians and cyclists due to the increase in speed on various roadways in the Hamlet.

Staff are proposing the follow approach to address both the speeding concerns on Confederation Street and the surrounding area in Glen Williams:

Staff will install four (4) temporary speed humps on Confederation Street between Wildwood Road and Bishop Court. These will be placed strategically to reduce the operating speed, however there is limited flexibility for locating each speed hump due to the vertical alignment of the roadway. It is anticipated that these temporary speed humps will be installed next April after the winter season.

Staff are proposing that the 2022 Traffic Calming Project will be the Confederation Street Neighbourhood. However, it should be noted that this section of Confederation Street is currently posted at 50km/h and staff are not recommending that the speed be reduced to 40km/h as part of the temporary speed hump installation. Staff are recommending that the current posted speed limit remain in place and as part of the Confederation Street Neighbourhood Traffic Calming Project and be assessed as part of the project. With the installation of the temporary speed humps, it may be determined that a reduction in the posted speed limit is no longer necessary.

The Confederation Street Neighbourhood Traffic Calming Project will include other streets such as Mountain Street, Glen Crescent, and Main Street. Prince Street is being addressed through its own project that will include public consultation. Staff will also include Wildwood Road from Main Street to Eighth Line and Eighth Line from Wildwood Road to approximately 600m north. Staff will conduct post speed studies on Confederation in the spring once the temporary speed humps are installed and this information will become part of the overall analysis for the Neighbourhood Project and public engagement.

It's anticipated that staff will provide recommendations to Council on the traffic calming measures for the Confederation Street Neighbourhood Traffic Calming Project in the Q3 of 2022 and will commence with the implementation in Q2 of 2023.

CONCLUSION:

The proposed workplan will address the speeding concerns on Confederation Street and the surrounding area in Glen Williams. The Confederation Street Neighbourhood Traffic Calming Project will be included in the proposed 2022 Traffic Engineering Workplan. Once initiated next year, staff will commence with the “Let’s Talk Halton Hills” project page and will be seeking public engagement throughout the process.

Reviewed and approved by,

Maureen Van Ravens, Director of Transportation

Bill Andrews, Commissioner of Transportation and Public Works

Chris Mills, Acting Chief Administrative Officer