

**Traffic Calming Measures Petition Policy** 

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#### 1.0 Purpose and Scope

- **1.1** To implement passive traffic calming measures within residential neighbourhoods to address safety concerns related to speeding and to create safe and attractive streets, promote pedestrian and bicycle use, and improve the quality of life in residential neighbourhoods.
- **1.2** To address undesirable traffic conditions related to speeding on local and collector roadways with the objective to:

## **1.2.1** Increase the Safety of Neighbourhoods

Excessive traffic speeding on residential roads is the basis for many of the concerns received from residents. The resulting reduction in speed will create a safer environment for all residents including pedestrians, cyclists, children, disabled persons and seniors.

## **1.2.2** Restore Streets to their intended Function

The intended function of a roadway is to provide the safe movement of a multi-modal transportation network for all users (pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles). A local roadway is to accommodate low to moderate volumes of traffic travelling at low speeds in and out of neighbourhoods or from points of origin to the collector road system. Local roadways provide direct vehicle access to residences that typically front onto these roads. Collector streets are intended to provide access to properties as well as to provide linkages between local roadways and other collector and arterial roadways, again at lower operating speeds.

- **1.3** To guide the allocation of scarce resources for the deployment of traffic assessments and passive traffic calming measures with the objective of changing driver behaviour and increasing public safety.
- **1.4** This policy applies to local and collector roadways that are assumed and maintained by the Town of Lakeshore.
- **1.5** This policy applies to the deployment of passive traffic calming measures only and does not apply to physical traffic calming measures such as vertical deflections, horizontal deflections or physical obstructions.



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## 2.0 Definitions

- 2.1 Passive Traffic Calming Measures: consist of pavement marking, signage, driver feedback boards, and/or functional changes with parking or bicycle lanes that is intended to visually reduce effective land width and/or provide visual features to alter driver behaviours to improve conditions for pedestrians and area residents.
- **2.2** Traffic Calming Assessment: consists of a traffic analysis to assess the need for traffic calming measures based on the Transportation Association of Canada guidelines and Town of Lakeshore Transportation Master Plan.

## 3.0 Policy

- **3.1** Traffic Calming assessments shall be initiated by petition from property owners representing a minimum of 51% of the properties fronting on the subject road. Signatures must come from properties with direct frontage or flankage onto the section of roadway to be reviewed.
- **3.2** Signatures must be from properties with direct frontage or flankage onto the section of roadway to be reviewed. Each property is represented by one signature, regardless of the number of people in the household.

#### 4.0 Responsibilities

- 4.1 Council to:
  - 4.1.1 Approve by resolution this policy and any amendments; and,
  - 4.1.2 Consider the allocation of resources for successful implementation of this policy in the annual budget process.
- **4.2** Chief Administrative Officer to:
  - 4.2.1 Implement this policy and approve procedures; and
  - 4.2.2 Ensure policy and procedure reviews occur.



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#### 5.0 Consequences

- **5.1** Failure to follow this policy may result in negative public opinion regarding the Town's commitment to implement passive traffic calming measures within residential neighbourhoods to address safety concerns related to speeding in locations that are warrant calming measures.
- **5.2** Failure to follow this policy may result in the installation of unwarranted traffic calming measures.
- **5.3** Failure to follow this policy may result in the inefficient allocation of Town staff and associated resources.

## 6.0 Reference Documents

- **6.1** Highway Traffic Act (HTA).
- 6.2 Ontario Traffic Manual (OTM).
- **6.3** Transportation Association of Canada (TAC) Guidelines
- 6.4 Town of Lakeshore Transportation Master Plan

#### 7.0 Review/Revisions

7.1 This policy shall be reviewed on a 5 year cycle and updated if warranted.

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Refer policy questions to: Director of Engineering & Infrastructure Services