

To: FOIP Act section 17(1)
Cc: Council
From: Matthew Goudy, CAO
Date: July 10, 2019

Reference: 11/154/2019-185

RE: Woodland Drive Speed Limit

Thank you for expressing your concern regarding the posted speed limit on Woodland Drive. The safety of motorists and pedestrians that move throughout our City is paramount. Both Administration and Council have taken steps to understand and address the speed limit concerns in the City held by yourself and others who live in and travel the City everyday.

In 2016 the City completed a speed limit survey covering 14 areas in Lacombe including Woodland Drive. The results pertaining to Woodland Drive are summarized below.

Woodland Drive (50th Street – Cranna Lake Drive)

The results for this section of Woodland Drive indicated that 62% of the surveyed residents were satisfied with the current speed limit, 11% advocated an increase in the speed limit, and 27% would support lowering the speed limit.

Woodland Drive (Cranna Lake Drive – 58th Street)

The results for this section of Woodland Drive indicated that 69% of the surveyed residents were satisfied with the current speed limit, 21% advocated an increase in the speed limit, and only 10% would support lowering the speed limit.

Summarized below are minute excerpts from the recent Council meetings in which speed limits were a topic:

June 15, 2015

THAT Council direct Administration to bring the work as presented forward during the 2016 budget deliberations for Council's consideration, including the results (time and duration) of increased LPS presence at both locations (Woodland Drive and Maple Bay/Fairway Drive).

The pedestrian crossing lights at the Cedar Crescent/Maple Bay intersection were installed the following year.

November 24, 2016:

THAT Council accept the speed limit survey results as information AND direct Administration to incorporate a speed limit assessment in the next transportation master plan update.

February 12, 2018:

THAT Council reconsider the November 14, 2016, Council agenda item titled 'Speed Limit Survey Results,' specifically as the results relate to Highway 2A, Highway 12, Playground and School Zones, and residential areas without sidewalks.

February 26, 2018:

THAT Council receive the speed limit survey results as information (with Council plans to defer it

to committee or strategic planning).

June 11, 2018

THAT Council adopt the 2018 – 2021 Strategic Plan, as amended.

The speed limit review is included as strategy 4.5.3C scheduled for completion in the third quarter of 2021.

Based on the relatively recent (2016) survey results, it is unlikely that a plebiscite to lower the speed limit on Woodland Drive would be supported at this time. The City is scheduled to complete a Speed Safety Assessment in 2021 as per Council's Strategic Plan. The proposed scope of the assessment includes Highway 2A, Highway 12, playground and school zones, and residential areas without sidewalk. Administration will ask Lacombe Police Services help refine the scope of the assessment prior to seeking Council's endorsement.

We trust this letter satisfies your concerns at this time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Goudy', with a stylized flourish extending upwards and to the right.

Matthew Goudy, P.Eng
Chief Administrative Officer