

## **Members' Motion submitted to Transportation Committee**

Meeting date: 26 September 2024

Moved by: Councillor M. Luloff

**Motion Title: Motion – Councillor M. Luloff – Trim Road Community Safety Zone**

ACS File No.: ACS2024-OCC-CCS-0089

Ward: Orléans-East-Cumberland (1)

## **Motion d'un membre soumise au Comité des transports**

Date de la réunion : le 26 septembre 2024

Motion de : M. Luloff, conseiller

**Titre de la motion : Motion – M. Luloff, conseiller – Zone de sécurité communautaire sur le chemin Trim**

Dossier n° (ACS) : ACS2024-OCC-CCS-0089

Quartier : Orléans Est-Cumberland (1)

## **MOTION**

**WHEREAS Trim Road between Watters Road and Portobello Boulevard serves as a critical arterial route in Orléans; and**

**WHEREAS this segment of Trim Road is a vital active transportation corridor for students, given its proximity to local schools and community parks; and**

**WHEREAS recent years have seen an alarming increase in speeding and drag racing incidents along Trim Road; and**

**WHEREAS the Cardinal Creek Community Association has identified significant safety concerns for vulnerable road users; and**

**WHEREAS Community Safety Zones are a tool to help reduce the speed travelled along the roadway and to improve the safety of vulnerable road users in this area; and**

**WHEREAS the community has repeatedly expressed concerns regarding the persistent and dangerous speeding issues on this stretch; and**

**WHEREAS the Ottawa Police Services have indicated their support for implementing measures to enhance safety and address the speeding problem on Trim; and**

**WHEREAS Community Safety Zones in Ottawa are established via delegated authority of the General Manager of Public Works and the Director of Traffic Services within locations that meet the Council-approved criteria for the installation of Automated Speed Enforcement; and**

**WHEREAS the segment on Trim Road between Watters Road and Portobello Boulevard does not meet the Council-approved criteria for Automated Speed Enforcement; and,**

**WHEREAS based on a speed survey conducted in July 2024, Trim Road between Portobello Boulevard/Springridge Drive and Springridge Drive has an operating speed of 73 km/h and an average speed of 65 km/h;**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Transportation Committee recommend that Council approve:**

- 1. Designating a Community Safety Zone at Trim Road between Watters Road and Portobello Boulevard;**
- 2. Installing corresponding signage as soon as practicable, and prior to the end of 2024 if feasible.**

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**ATTENDU QUE le chemin Trim entre le chemin Watters et le boulevard Portobello est une artère essentielle dans Orléans;**

**ATTENDU QUE ce tronçon du chemin Trim est un couloir de transport actif essentiel pour les élèves, du fait de sa proximité avec les écoles et les parcs communautaires des environs;**

**ATTENDU QU'il y a eu ces dernières années une hausse alarmante des incidents d'excès de vitesse et de courses automobiles le long du chemin Trim;**

**ATTENDU QUE l'Association communautaire du village de Cardinal Creek a fait état de sérieuses inquiétudes en ce qui concerne la sécurité des usagers vulnérables de la route;**

**ATTENDU QUE les zones de sécurité communautaires sont un moyen d'aider à réduire la vitesse le long de la route et d'améliorer la sécurité des usagers vulnérables de la route dans ce secteur;**

**ATTENDU QUE la communauté a exprimé à maintes reprises des préoccupations concernant les problèmes de vitesse persistants et dangereux sur ce tronçon;**

**ATTENDU QUE les Services de police d'Ottawa ont indiqué soutenir la mise en**

**œuvre de mesures visant à améliorer la sécurité et à s'attaquer au problème de vitesse sur le chemin Trim;**

**ATTENDU QUE les zones de sécurité communautaires à Ottawa sont établies en vertu des pouvoirs délégués au directeur général des Travaux publics et au directeur des Services de la circulation à l'intérieur des endroits qui remplissent les critères approuvés par le Conseil pour l'installation d'appareils de contrôle automatisé de la vitesse;**

**ATTENDU QUE le tronçon du chemin Trim entre le chemin Watters et le boulevard Portobello ne répond pas aux critères approuvés par le Conseil pour l'installation d'appareils de contrôle automatisé de la vitesse;**

**ATTENDU QUE, d'après une enquête sur la vitesse menée en juillet 2024, le chemin Trim entre le boulevard Portobello à l'angle de la promenade Springridge et la promenade Springridge a une vitesse opérationnelle de 73 km/h et une vitesse moyenne de 65 km/h;**

**IL EST PAR CONSÉQUENT RÉSOLU QUE le Comité des transports recommande au Conseil d'approuver :**

- 1. La désignation d'une zone de sécurité communautaire au niveau du chemin Trim, entre le chemin Watters et le boulevard Portobello;**
- 2. L'installation d'une signalisation correspondante dès que ce sera faisable, et avant la fin de 2024 si possible.**

## **OPERATIONAL STAFF COMMENTS**

### **Designation of Community Safety Zones (CSZ) – Highway Traffic Act**

Subsection 214.1(1) of the *Highway Traffic Act (HTA)* provides the Council of a municipality with the authority to designate a part of a highway under its jurisdiction as a Community Safety Zone. A CSZ on a municipal highway must be designated by by-law. Under Subsection 214.1(3), the by-law designating the zone must specify the hours, days, and months when the designation is in effect. For example, a Council may decide to have a zone in effect only during certain months of the year or during certain time periods in a day; alternatively, a community safety zone may be in effect 24 hours a day, seven days a week, year-round. Subsection 214.1(4) of the *HTA* provides that signs designating community safety zones must be placed on site in accordance with the applicable regulation under the *HTA*, namely *Regulation 615, R.R.O. 1990*, passed

under the *HTA*. In addition, the *HTA* provides that a by-law designating a community safety zone is not in effect until the requisite signage has been placed on site in accordance with the regulation.

### **Community Safety Zones (CSZ) Established via Delegated Authority**

In 2017, there were changes to the *HTA*, made under *Bill 65 – Safer School Zones Act*, that would allow for the use of automated speed enforcement (ASE) within CSZs, where the speed limit is below 80 kilometres per hour. Subsequently, in 2019, as part of the Council-approved Community Safety Zone Implementation Plan Report (ACS2019-TSD-TRF-0008), delegated authority was granted to the General Manager of Transportation Services and the Director of Traffic Services to establish Community Safety Zones for the purpose of automated speed enforcement. Following Traffic Services' realignment into the Public Works Department in Q4 2021, the General Manager Delegated Authority transitioned to the GM of Public Works.

Since 2019, CSZs established via delegated authority in Ottawa are within locations that meet criteria for the installation of Automated Speed Enforcement. These areas are established under staff delegated authority and are in effect only once enacted as part of the Community Safety Zone By-law (By-law No. 2019-397) and signed accordingly.

### **Outcome of Staff's Review**

Traffic Services staff have completed a review of the roadway segment put forward by Councillor Luloff to be designated as a Community Safety Zone. As per a recent speed survey conducted in July 2024, Trim Road between Portobello Boulevard/Springridge Drive and Springridge Drive has an operating speed (85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed) of 73 km/h and an average speed of 65 km/h while the posted speed limit is 60 km/h.

Given the existing operating speeds along the roadway, we do not expect that a CSZ designation alone will achieve the desired speed reduction without the implementation of other traffic calming measures or without continual police enforcement. Also, the roadway segment does not meet the necessary criteria for Automated Speed Enforcement. Further, staff do not have Council approval to install ASE in high-speed corridors at this time. A pilot study is underway for such corridors with a report expected to TRC and Council in 2026.

Should Council approve C. Luloff's motion, the Public Works Department will implement a Community Safety Zone on Trim Road between Watters Road and Portobello Boulevard as soon as practicable. Costs to implement the CSZ will be covered within

the existing Traffic Services operating budget.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications associated with the motion's recommendations because the work required to implement them can be completed within existing budgets.

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

Legal Services is aware of the Motion and will be at Council prepared to answer any questions, if necessary.

### **DISPOSITION**

Staff in the Public Works Department will implement the recommendations in this motion, as appropriate.