

Members' Motion submitted to Transportation Committee

Meeting date: 28 November 2024

Moved by: Councillor M. Luloff

Motion Title: Motion – Councillor M. Luloff – Community Safety Zone on Prestwick Drive

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Ward: Orléans East-Cumberland (1)

Motion d'un membre soumise au Comité des transports

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Motion de : Conseiller M. Luloff

Titre de la motion : Motion –M. Luloff, conseiller – Zone de sécurité communautaire sur la promenade Prestwick

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MOTION

WHEREAS Prestwick Drive between Des Epinettes Avenue and Innes Road serves as a critical collector route in Orléans; and

WHEREAS this segment of Prestwick Drive is a vital active transportation corridor for children and adults, given its proximity to local schools, a community park, and a local shopping centre; and

WHEREAS the Queenswood Heights 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 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 Prestwick Drive between Des Epinettes Avenue and Innes Road does not meet the Council-approved criteria for Automated Speed Enforcement; and,

WHEREAS based on a speed survey conducted in May 2023, Prestwick Drive, between Summerlands Crescent and Summerlands Crescent has an operating speed of 45 km/h and an average speed of 40 km/h;

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

- 1. Designating a Community Safety Zone on Prestwick Drive between Des Epinettes Avenue and Innes Road; and**
- 2. Installing corresponding signage as soon as practicable.**

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ATTENDU QUE la promenade Prestwick entre l'avenue des Épinettes et le chemin Innes est une route collectrice essentielle dans Orléans;

ATTENDU QUE ce tronçon de la promenade Prestwick est un couloir de transport actif essentiel pour les enfants et les adultes, du fait de sa proximité avec les écoles, un parc communautaire et un centre commercial local;

ATTENDU QUE l'association communautaire de Queenswood Heights 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 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 de la promenade Prestwick entre l'avenue des

Épinettes et le chemin Innes 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 mai 2023, la promenade Prestwick, entre le croissant Summerlands et le croissant Summerlands, a une vitesse opérationnelle de 45 km/h et une vitesse moyenne de 40 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 de la promenade Prestwick entre l'avenue des Épinettes et le chemin Innes;**
- 2. L'installation d'une signalisation correspondante dès que ce sera faisable.**

OPERATIONAL STAFF COMMENTS

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT COMMENT:

Designation of Community Safety Zones– 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 Community Safety Zone 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 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 within Community Safety Zones, 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, Community Safety Zones 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 corridor identified by Councillor Luloff to be designated as a Community Safety Zone. A speed survey on Prestwick Drive between Summerlands Crescent and Summerlands Crescent (May 2023) indicated an operating speed of 45 km/h and an average speed of 40 km/h.

Staff do not expect that a Community Safety Zone designation alone on this portion of Prestwick Drive will achieve a speed reduction without also implementing temporary traffic calming measures and/or consistent enforcement. The segment of Prestwick Drive between Des Epinettes Avenue and Innes Road **does not** meet the necessary criteria for Automated Speed Enforcement nor would it meet the minimum Council approved criteria for the implementation of permanent traffic calming measures through the Neighbourhood Traffic Calming Program.

Should Council approve C. Luloff's motion, the Public Works Department will implement a Community Safety Zone on Prestwick Drive between Des Epinettes Avenue and Innes Road as soon as practicable. Costs to implement the Community Safety Zone will be covered within the existing Traffic Services operating budget.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Finance Services is aware of the Motion and will be at Committee to respond to any questions.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Legal Services is aware of the Motion and will be at Committee to respond to any

questions.

Disposition:

If carried at Committee, this motion will be submitted to City Council for consideration on 11 December 2024.

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