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Public Works and Environmental Services Department

River Road Speed Reductions to 60 km/h

ACS2020-OCC-TRC-0012

Gloucester-South Nepean (22);
Gloucester Southgate (10)

Report recommendations

That the Transportation Committee recommend Council reduce the speed limit on River Road from:

1. 150 metres south of Balmoral Drive to 80 metres north of Lowen Drive from 80 km/h to 60 km/h; and,
2. 130 metres south of Earl Armstrong Road to Nicolls Island Road from 80 km/h and 70 km/h to 60 km/h.

Motion

Moved by Councillor G. Darouze

WHEREAS there is a report to reduce the speed limit on River Road listed as item 5 on today's agenda; and

WHEREAS Councillor Darouze provided comments after the report was published; and

WHEREAS the intersection of River Road at Nicolls Island Road is on the boundary of both Councillor Darouze and Councillor Meehan's Wards;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Transportation Committee

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approve the inclusion of the following comments from Councillor Darouze in the report entitled 'River Road Speed Reductions to 60 km/h' prior to the report rising to Council on October 14.

I'm always in support safety measures for the community; however, I'm concerned that lowering the speed could cause drivers in the open areas to speed in order to pass other drivers they feel are going too slow. Therefore, I've used speed display boards on the southern sections of the road for traffic calming to avoid this potential for unsafe driving.

I will support the local councillors if they feel this will help, but it comes with great concern that it's going to cause more aggressive driving and in turn, more accidents, which is never what we want to see in our communities.

CARRIED