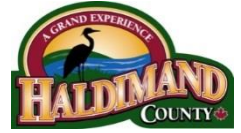


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# HALDIMAND COUNTY

## Report PW-ES-08-2018 Consolidated Rate of Speed By-law For Consideration by Council in Committee on June 5, 2018

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### OBJECTIVE:

To seek Council approval to adopt a Consolidated Rate of Speed By-law.

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Report PW-ES-08-2018 Consolidated Rate of Speed By-law be received;
2. AND THAT a Consolidated Rate of Speed By-law be presented to Council for enactment.

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**Approved:** Donald G. Boyle, Chief Administrative Officer

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Since 2001, Haldimand County has passed a number of by-laws prescribing rates of speed for roads under County jurisdiction. Due to the current number of rate of speed by-laws it is becoming harder to track the actual by-law that regulates the rate of speed for all roads in the County. It is also difficult to locate rate of speed by-laws passed by municipal entities prior to 2001.

In order to address this, staff have created a Consolidated Rate of Speed By-law that lists all the posted speed limits on roads within the County and under Haldimand County jurisdiction.

### BACKGROUND:

The Highway Traffic Act (HTA) allows for Municipal Councils to prescribe different rates of speed than those prescribed in the Act for highways under municipal jurisdiction. The HTA states that the rate of speed is 50 km/h within a built-up area and 80 km/h otherwise. Municipalities are able to designate through by-law, different rates of speed as long as the posted speed is not greater than 100 km/h.

Currently, there are approximately twenty separate by-laws designating the rate of speed passed by Haldimand County. In addition, there are a number of posted speeds that were designated prior to 2001 where the by-law cannot be located. Passing one consolidated rate of speed by-law will create a by-law current as of the time of passing. Future rate of speed changes will be done through amendments to the Consolidated Rate of Speed By-law.

## **ANALYSIS:**

Staff have reviewed the current posted speeds and approved by-laws and consolidated them into one comprehensive table covering all highways under Haldimand County's jurisdiction as shown in the consolidated Schedule "A" of the By-law (see Attachment 1).

During the review of the Consolidated Rate of Speed By-law, staff noted several stub roads located in rural areas that were posted at 80 km/h. Staff have adjusted the speed limit on these roads to 60 km/h to reflect the practical speed attainable based on both the length of the stub road and the width.

It is understood that errors and/or omissions in Schedule "A" may be discovered in the future and staff are planning to consolidate the by-law on a periodic basis depending on the number of amendments that have to be made.

A consolidated by-law that includes all highways, provides a current status of the rate of speed posted for all roads and will ensure accuracy when making any future amendments as well as when questions arise regarding the posted rate of speed on any given road.

## **FINANCIAL/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Not applicable.

## **STAKEHOLDER IMPACTS:**

Not applicable.

## **REPORT IMPACTS:**

Agreement: No

By-law: Yes

Budget Amendment: No

Policy: No

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Schedule "A" - Haldimand County Consolidated Rate of Speed By-law.