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# HALDIMAND COUNTY

## Report ECW-15-2019 Hutchinson Road - Speed Limit Reduction For Consideration by Council in Committee on August 27, 2019

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### OBJECTIVE:

To receive Council approval to implement a 50 km/h speed limit zone along the residential area of Hutchinson Road in the hamlet of Lowbanks, extending northwards from Northshore Drive.

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Report ECW-15-2019 Hutchinson Road – Speed Limit Reduction be received;
2. AND THAT the current Rate of Speed By-law be amended to create a 50 km/h speed limit zone on Hutchinson Road as follows:

Street	From	To	Speed Limit
Hutchinson Road	Northshore Drive	A point 315 metres north	50 km/h

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**Approved:** Craig Manley, MCIP, RPP, Chief Administrative Officer

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The homes in the hamlet of Lowbanks have built out over time and reached the northerly limits of the hamlet on Hutchinson Road located approximately 315 metres north of Northshore Drive.

Based on the recommended urban speed limit as per the Speed Limit Policy, creating a 50 km/h speed limit zone on Hutchinson Road, extending approximately 315 metres to northerly limits of the hamlet, is recommended.

### BACKGROUND:

At the April 5, 2019 Council meeting, staff were given a direction through the following resolution:

*“THAT staff be directed to report back to a future Council in Committee meeting on reducing the speed limit from 80 km/h to 50 km/h on Hutchinson Road from Northshore Drive to past the residential homes approximately 300 metres north of Northshore Drive.”*

The purpose of this report is to review the request using the County’s Speed Limit Policy and provide a recommendation to Council regarding the requested speed limit reduction.

## **ANALYSIS:**

Policy 2007-02 Speed Limit Policy (see Attachment 1) provides the recommended speed limits for urban and rural cross sections based on the road classification.

Based on its intended usage and traffic volumes, Hutchinson Road is classified as a minor arterial road. As shown in Table 1 of the policy, the urban section speed limit should be 50-60 km/h and the rural section speed limit should be 70-80 km/h.

Hutchinson Road is currently posted at 80 km/h from the intersection at Northshore Drive. The 315 metres of built up area within the hamlet of Lowbanks consists of residential homes and is classified as a semi-urban section. Based on the recommended speed limits in the Speed Limit Policy, creating a 50 km/h speed limit zone to the northerly hamlet limits on Hutchinson Road (see Attachment 2) is appropriate for these conditions.

## **FINANCIAL/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Roads Operations will be responsible for installing the required signage. The estimated cost is approximately \$300 and will be funded from the Road Operations regulatory/warning signage maintenance account.

## **STAKEHOLDER IMPACTS:**

Not applicable.

## **REPORT IMPACTS:**

Agreement: No

By-law: Yes

Budget Amendment: No

Policy: No

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Policy 2007-02 Speed Limit Policy
2. Map showing location of the proposed 50 km/h speed limit zone on Hutchinson Road.