
HALDIMAND COUNTY

Report ENG-06-2025 All-Way Stop Installation - Dickhout Road at Villella Road and Derner Line, Dunnville



For Consideration by Council in Committee on April 29, 2025

Objective:

To receive Council approval to amend Haldimand Stop Control By-law 2385/22 and install an all-way stop at the intersection of Dickhout Road and Villella Road/Derner Line, Dunnville.

Recommendations:

1. THAT Report ENG-06-2025 All-Way Stop Installation - Dickhout Road at Villella Road and Derner Line, Dunnville be received;
2. AND THAT an all-way stop condition be installed at the intersection of Dickhout Road and Villella Road/Derner Line;
3. AND THAT Stop Control By-law 2385/22 be amended as outlined in Report ENG-06-2025;
4. AND THAT the by-law attached to Report ENG-06-2025 be approved at a future Council meeting.

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Approved: Mark Merritt, CPA, CA, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

Executive Summary:

Staff have reviewed the existing stop sign configuration and traffic flows at the intersection of Dickhout Road and Villella Road/Derner Line and are recommending that an all-way stop condition be implemented at this location.

Under the Highway Traffic Act (HTA), a Municipal Council can implement stop conditions at intersections within its jurisdiction, but a by-law must be passed to formalize these conditions.

Background:

Dickhout Road intersects Villella Road and Derner Line (private road) at a T-shaped intersection (see Attachment 1). Under existing conditions, Dickhout Road is a through road southbound, allowing traffic to proceed without stopping onto Villella Road which heads west and Derner Line (a private access) which heads east. This existing condition has the potential to create conflicts at the intersection particularly with drivers unfamiliar with the area.

Based on resident feedback and staff review of the intersection, an all-way stop at this location would meet driver expectations and improve safety, particularly for southbound traffic on Dickout Road by requiring drivers to stop before turning onto Villella Road or Derner Line.

Staff conducted a safety review to ensure the intersection is suitable for an all-way stop, confirming it is not an offset intersection or one with grade or sight line issues.

Analysis:

Staff have reviewed the proposed all-way stop at Dickhout Road and Villella Road/Derner Line and have no technical concerns with the installation of an all way stop at this location.

The Highway Traffic Act (HTA) allows for a Municipal Council to implement stop conditions at intersections of highways under its jurisdiction and a by-law must be passed to formally enact the stop condition.

To amend the stop control the following change to Haldimand Stop Control By-law 2385/22 is required.

Stop Control By-law 2385/22 Schedule “A” to Delete

Street	Intersection (at)	Traffic Direction
Villella Road	Dickhout Road	Eastbound

Stop Control By-law 2385/22 Schedule “B” to Add

Street	Intersection (at)	Traffic Direction
Dickhout Road	Villella Road/Derner Line	All-Way

Financial/Legal Implications:

If approved, Haldimand Roads Operations will be responsible for installing the additional signage. The estimated cost will be approximately \$3,000 and will be funded from the Roads Operations regulatory/warning signing operating budget.

Stakeholder Impacts:

Not applicable.

Report Impacts:

Agreement: No

By-law: Yes

Budget Amendment: No

Policy: No

References:

1. [Policy N0 2007-03 All-Way Stop Policy.](#)

Attachments:

1. Map of Proposed All-Way Stop Location
2. Draft By-law