

COUNCIL POLICY

Establishing Speed Limits on Township Roads

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1. PURPOSE

This policy has been developed to provide a consistent process and criteria to establish speed limits on the Township of Scugog roads network.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 Road Classification – As per the definition in the Township's Official Plan.
- 2.2 School Zone – The section of any Township road that is contiguous to a school with a minimum of 50 registered students.
- 2.3 Speed Limit Review Study - A review of the operating characteristics and infrastructure data for a roadway to determine the appropriate speed limit. For the purposes of this policy, the review will apply the Canadian Guidelines for Establishing Posted Speed Limits as produced by the Transportation Association of Canada, as updated from time-to-time. This approach considers roadside environment, access density, roadway alignment, lane widths, pedestrian and cyclist activity and pavement condition. If Prevailing Speeds are lower than the speed limit determined by the TAC guidelines, then the speed limit may be set at the Prevailing Speed.

3. GENERAL

Based on the 2020 Township Wide Speed Limit Study, default speed limits for the Township will be set as follows:

Road Classification	Default Speed Limit
Rural Local	60 km/hr
Urban Arterial C	60 km/hr
Urban Collector	50 km/hr
Urban Local	40 km/hr
School Zone	40 km/hr

From time to time, speed limits other than the default speed limits may be considered based on the procedure provided below.

4. PROCEDURES

The process to implement a speed limit revision on a Township road is:

- Requests for a reduction in speed limit shall be submitted to the Community Services – Public Works section in writing or may be generated by a staff review.
 - The Director of Public Works, Parks and Recreation or his/her delegate will conduct a Speed Limit Review Study.
 - If the results of the study show that no change in speed limit is warranted, then a written response will be provided to the applicant informing them of the results.
 - If the results of the study show that a change in speed limit is warranted, then a staff report will be brought to the General Purpose and Administration Committee with recommended speed limit changes for Council's consideration.
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