

DECISION/DIRECTION NOTE

Title: Traffic Calming Policy

Date Prepared: May 9, 2023

Report To: Regular Meeting of Council

Councillor and Role: Councillor Maggie Burton, Transportation & Regulatory Services

Ward: N/A

Decision/Direction Required: Approval of a Revised Traffic Calming Policy

Discussion – Background and Current Status:

The City's Traffic Calming Policy has not been revised since implemented in 2011. The Transportation Division of Planning, Engineering, and Regulatory Services has developed draft documents for a revised Traffic Calming Policy and Traffic Calming Procedures. The documents are based on extensive work completed to date, including a traffic calming policy review, stakeholder feedback from public engagement, review of traffic calming policies from municipalities across Canada, and multiple follow-up discussions with the Council, as detailed in previous notes from [June 2020](#), [December 2020](#), [March 2021](#), [August 2022](#), and [February 2023](#).

Changes have been made to scoring, as well as the process for initiating a project with a resident petition. The updated procedures includes a requirement of 60 percent support of resident survey responses to implement a permanent traffic calming project. Staff will continue to develop strategies to increase resident survey participation and a potential response rate threshold will be considered in three years as part of the scheduled procedure review.

Projects eligible for traffic calming following screening and scoring will be reviewed annually, with the Division prioritizing the top streets from the eligibility list, taking into consideration street scoring, whether a street is being considered for City street rehabilitation projects, the annual traffic calming budget, and what can reasonably be completed within the year.

Key Considerations/Implications:

1. Budget/Financial Implications: The City has increased the annual Traffic Calming Program budget to \$200,000.

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2. Partners or Other Stakeholders: Stakeholders, namely, Emergency Medical Service (EMS) - Eastern Health, Royal Newfoundland Constabulary (RNC) and Metrobus have previously been consulted.
3. Alignment with Strategic Directions:

A City that Moves: Create a sustainable and accessible, low-carbon public transportation system.

A City that Moves: Improve safety for all users on a well-maintained street network.
4. Alignment with Adopted Plans: N/A
5. Accessibility and Inclusion: N/A
6. Legal or Policy Implications: The Office of the City Solicitor has reviewed and approved the policy.
7. Privacy Implications: The Department has consulted with the Access and Privacy Analysts regarding privacy issues associated with the revised policy.
8. Engagement and Communications Considerations: The Department will work with the Marketing and Communications Division to determine appropriate public communications.
9. Human Resource Implications: The policy will be implemented using existing human resources.
10. Procurement Implications: N/A
11. Information Technology Implications: N/A
12. Other Implications: N/A

Recommendation:

That Council approve the revised Traffic Calming Policy to replace the existing policy.

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Attachments:

Draft Revised Traffic Calming Policy
Draft Revised Traffic Calming Procedures

Report Approval Details

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Attachments:	- Draft Traffic Calming Policy - For Council.docx - DRAFT-Traffic Calming Procedures - For Council.docx
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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