

Township of South Stormont
KEY INFORMATION REPORT
Public Works Operations



To: Council
From: Mohammed Alsharqawi, Director of Public Works
Date of Meeting: December 13, 2023
Subject: PW Update on Strategic Action Plan Items

Strategic Plan:

This item refers to:

- Goal 2: Provide an enviable quality of life for everyone who calls South Stormont "home".
 - Strategic Priority 2.3: Collaborating with community organizations/groups and other government partners.
 - Action (c): Liaise with County and police to develop an integrated process for addressing ongoing resident road safety issues and concerns.
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Background:

Council adopted the 2023-2027 Strategic Action Plan on September 13, 2023. This report serves as a 3-month update for related items to the Public Works Department.

Discussion:

Following a comprehensive review of common practices, Staff are presenting a series of initiatives aimed at enhancing the safety and well-being of our community. These proposals have been formulated to address critical concerns related to traffic management, speed regulations, public awareness, and safety measures within our municipality.

1. Developing a Traffic Calming Policy in Collaboration with County and Emergency Services:

We propose to establish a comprehensive Traffic Calming Policy that aligns with the objectives of the County and Emergency Services. This policy aims to mitigate traffic-related risks, enhance pedestrian safety, and regulate vehicular speed in sensitive areas. By working collaboratively, we can implement effective measures that accommodate to the specific needs of our Township.

2. Developing a Speed Reduction Policy in Collaboration with County and Emergency Services:

In tandem with the Traffic Calming Policy, our proposal includes the development of a Speed Reduction Policy. This policy will focus on identifying areas where speed limits need adjustment, implementing necessary infrastructure changes, and educating the public on the importance of adhering to speed regulations. Our aim is to create safer road conditions and reduce the likelihood of accidents or collisions.

3. Creating a Social Media Information Program to Educate Road Users:

We recognize the significance of communication and education in fostering a culture of road safety. Hence, we propose the establishment of a Social Media Information Program dedicated to educating residents and road users. This program will disseminate crucial information, safety tips, updates on traffic regulations, and awareness campaigns aimed at promoting responsible behavior on the roads.

4. Implementing Traffic Calming Measures in School Zones as a Pilot Program:

To prioritize the safety of our youngest community members, we suggest initiating a pilot program focused on implementing Traffic Calming Measures specifically in school zones. This proactive approach will evaluate and implement measures such as speed humps, improved signage, designated crossings, and other appropriate interventions. Assessing the effectiveness of these measures in a controlled environment will provide valuable insights for broader implementation across the Township.

These proposals aim not only to address immediate concerns but also to lay the foundation for a safer and more informed community. By collaborating with County and Emergency Services, we can leverage expertise and resources to create impactful, sustainable solutions.

Other Measures for Consideration:

5. Speed limit reduction to 40 km/h in every residential area
6. Pedestrian crossing analysis
7. Urban Street Design & Streetscape Masterplan

We are seeking Council support and feedback on implementing the first four initiatives and would appreciate guidance to consider the remaining measures or any additional insights the Council may wish to contribute for the benefit of our municipality.

Others Consulted:

Manager of Operations – Transportation Services
Public Works Coordinator