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SUBJECT SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION MOTION UPDATE

## **OVERVIEW**

### **Purpose of Report:**

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the motion passed at the 2020-SEP-28, Regular Council Meeting regarding participation in the Provincial Pilot Project for Neighbourhood Speed Limit reduction.

## **BACKGROUND**

In October 2019, amendments to the provincial Motor Vehicle Act (MVA) gave the province the ability to establish a regulatory framework, resulting in the development of MVA Pilot Projects.

In early 2020, there was an anticipated Pilot Project to explore opportunities to enhance vulnerable road user safety. Several Municipalities interpreted this Pilot Project as an opportunity to consider broad scale speed limit reductions. Following the announcement of the Pilot Project, and the subsequent discussion among Island municipal staff and politicians, Council passed the following motion: *“that Council Direct Staff to report back to Council on options for Nanaimo to participate in Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure pilot project limiting residential speed limits.”* |

## **DISCUSSION**

The anticipated Pilot Project has not materialized; therefore, Staff are unable to take action on this motion at this time and are not aware of an opportunity in the near future.

## **CONCLUSION**

In light of the circumstance, Staff view this motion as unactionable and will be removing it from work plans with the understanding that if an opportunity presents itself to participate in a similar Pilot Project it will be brought forward to Council for consideration. |

## **SUMMARY POINTS**

- Changes to Provincial Legislation allow for Pilot Projects to explore potential enhancements to mobility.
- Staff and Council anticipated an intake for a Pilot Projects that may have enabled the City to explore pilot project limiting residential speed limits.

- The intake for additional Pilot Projects has not been opened and therefore, the motion passed by Council is not currently actionable.
- Staff will present any future Pilot Project opportunities to Council for consideration.

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