

ATTACHMENT A

School Zone / Neighbourhood Speed Limit Options – Council Consideration

Option/Description	Advantages	Disadvantages	Financial Implications
<p>Option 1 (Recommended)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopt the School Neighbourhood Speed Limit Policy, including 30 km/h limits on select Collector Roads where appropriate near schools. Rescind Policy COU-118 and draft site-specific bylaws for phased Council consideration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year-round, 24/7 application Reflects ongoing school ground use outside of school hours. Allows 30 km/h on suitable Collectors with supportive context. Preserves vehicle mobility on higher-volume, higher-speed corridors where reduced limits are not appropriate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fines remain lower than MVA school zones. Potential negative impacts (mobility concerns, non-compliance) are mitigated by only applying reduced limits where roadway conditions support them. Requires administering multiple bylaws. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff time for preparing multiple bylaws and coordination. Installation of new 30 km/h signage and removal/ replacement of existing signs.
<p>Option 2 (Includes all Collector Roads)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopt the School Neighbourhood Speed Limit Policy, applying 30 km/h limits on all Collector Roads near schools. Rescind Policy COU-118 and prepare bundled bylaws. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year-round, 24/7 application Uniform coverage that includes all Collector Roads (excluding arterials). Reflects ongoing school ground use outside school hours. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lower fines than MVA school zones. Reduces mobility priority on higher-volume corridors; may be perceived as inconvenient. Increased risk of driver non-compliance where posted speeds do not align with the road’s intended function. Requires administering multiple bylaws 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff time for multiple bylaws and coordination. Installation of new 30 km/h signage; removal/ replacement of existing signs.
<p>Option 3 (MVA-Compliant School Zone Policy, 2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rescind Policy COU-118. Adopt School Zone Signing Policy (2024). Apply school zones to meet MVA requirements; use “School Area” advisory signs elsewhere. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fully consistent with the Motor Vehicle Act. Provides higher enforceability by RCMP. Simpler administration with clear compliance rules. Higher fines (near-double) for violations in MVA school zones 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires staff time to review and update all school zones. Temporary driver confusion as boundaries change. May increase RCMP enforcement needs. School zone boundaries may not align with public expectations or school ground use outside class times. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff time to update zone boundaries. Installation of new regulatory and “School Area” signage; removal of non-compliant signage.
<p>Option 4 (Alternate Recommendation) GPC may provide an alternate recommendation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Varies depending on recommendation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Varies depending on recommendation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Varies depending on recommendation.