

Information Report

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SUBJECT JACKSON ROAD TRAFFIC CALMING

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To present Council with information on the traffic calming infrastructure that will be installed on Jackson Road to address street racing.

Recommendation

That the report titled "Jackson Road Traffic Calming" dated 2018-JUN-25 be received for information.

DISCUSSION

In the spring of 2017, Nanaimo RCMP and Transportation Engineering Staff were made aware of late night street racing taking place at the end of Jackson Road in the Duke Point Industrial Area. Nanaimo RCMP continue to conduct enforcement operations; however, the activity is persisting.

Drawing on experiences from other municipalities, Engineering Staff and RCMP have collaborated to create a traffic calming plan which is targeted at street racers and stunt drivers, but will have little impact on vehicles accessing the area businesses.

The plan includes the placement of concrete barriers, signage, and a small section of rumble strips. The barriers will be arranged as a series of "chokers" and "splitters" and the rumble strips will be placed outside of the wheel path of through traffic, but in an area which will make drifting, or stunt driving, difficult.

Funding for the change is contained within the existing financial plan.

SUMMARY POINTS

- Street racing and stunt driving have been regular occurrences on Jackson Road since spring of 2017.
- Enforcement strategies have been undertaken, but are not proving effective at stopping the activities.
- Principles within the traffic calming plan have been used successfully in other municipalities.



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