

Motion following Notice of Motion

Start and End Times for School Zones

THAT Administration prepare proposed amendments to the Speed Control Bylaw 38-2014 so that the 30 kilometers per hour speed limit for school zones begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 4:30 p.m. for urban schools and begins at 7:30 a.m. and ends at 4:30 p.m. for affected rural schools; and that the proposed amendments be brought back to Council by the end of the first quarter in 2017.

Background

Councillor Bidzinski served Notice of Motion at the January 17, 2017 Council Meeting to be presented at the February 7, 2017 Council Meeting.

One of Council's prime responsibilities is the safety and well-being of our residents. The most vulnerable of our residents are our children and I believe they deserve whatever special protection we can afford them, especially when they are in and around traffic.

Although the current speed limit times address the safety of students at the start of the day it doesn't necessarily address safety of students at the end of the day. Both Elk Island Catholic Schools and Elk Island Public Schools have monthly early dismissal, which have students being dismissed at different times in different schools.

Speed has been proven to determine the security of residents.

- 5% of pedestrians will be killed in a collision at 30 km/hr
- 55% of pedestrians will be killed in a collision at 50 km/hr
- 90% of pedestrians will be killed in a collision at 60 km/hr