

Report to Council



Date: June 30, 2016
File: 1410-01
To: City Manager
From: W.E. (Fred) Wollin, Traffic Operations Supervisor
Subject: Extend School Zone Reduces Speed Times to 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Recommendation:

THAT COUNCIL approves the request from the Central Okanagan School District No. 23 to extend the time of the 30 km/hr speed zones to 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in school zones from the current time of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

AND THAT COUNCIL direct staff to change school zone signage to reflect the change in times.

Purpose:

To modify the current school zone time limit from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to enhance student safety and accommodate the extended time schools are open.

Background:

As part of the provincial government's commitment to make streets safer, the government has amended the Motor Vehicle Act (MVA) to allow expansion of school zone times. The MVA maintains the core hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. but now allows local government to extend beyond the core hours at the request of the local Board of Education. The MVA also establishes the maximum speed through school zones.

The current time range of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. does not reflect how schools are used today; many school programs start before the regular school start time.

The Board of Education for the Central Okanagan School District No. 23 passed a motion requesting that the school zones within the City of Kelowna be revised to 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A list of schools that required signage changes was provided in a letter from Larry Paul, CFO / Secretary-Treasurer of the School District (attached).

Upon approval of this recommendation a traffic order will be completed to revise the time of all current 30 km/hr posted school zones. The signage changes will be implemented by August

31, 2016 before the start of the school year. The above change will be communicated to the general public.

Internal Circulation:

Stephen Fleming, City Clerk

Jodi Foster, Communications Supervisor, Communications & Information Services

Moudud Hasan, transportation and Mobility Manager

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Motor Vehicle Act allows local governments to extend the school zone hours beyond the current core hours.

Financial/Budgetary Considerations:

All changes will be implemented within the current base budget.

Communications Comments:

The above change will be communicated to the general public prior to the start of the new school year.

Considerations not applicable to this report:

Existing Policy:

Personnel Implications:

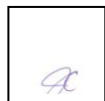
External Agency/Public Comments:

Alternate Recommendation:

Submitted by:

W.E. (Fred) Wollin, Traffic Operations Supervisor

Approved for inclusion:



Joe Creron, Divisional Director Civic Operations

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Larry Paul, School District No. 23,
RCMP Traffic Section