



City of
Kelowna

Neighbourhood Traffic Calming Program - Policy 300

February 10, 2025

What is Traffic Calming?

Definition: Traffic calming means various measures aimed at mitigating the adverse effects of vehicular traffic in residential areas, such as speeding and shortcutting.

Goals:

- Enhance safety for all road users.
- Improve the livability of residential streets.
- Support active transportation.



Traffic Calming Program Policy Updates

Policy update is intended to:

- Increase Transparency
- Increase Efficiency
- Enhance Resident Engagement
- Enable the on-going success of the Traffic Calming Program



Updates to the Policy

A. Eligibility Criteria for Traffic Calming

- Apply to Local or Collector streets.
- Exceptions for streets in Industrial Areas and streets with Steep Grades (greater than 8%).
- Other restrictions; Agricultural Areas and the Frequent Transit Network.

Updates to the Policy

B. Prioritization for Traffic Calming

- Specific Metrics
 - Speed, Traffic Volume, and School Proximity.
- Active Transportation
- Collision Data Adjustment
- Data Based Decision Making

Updates to the Policy

C. Community Support Survey

- Engage residents directly impacted by traffic calming proposals
- **Projects will not move forward if more than 30% oppose.**



Updates to the Policy

D. Safety-Driven Projects

- Project is deemed required based on field observations and data collection.
- Directly impacted residents may choose between two or more design alternatives.



Updates to the Policy

E. Re-evaluation Process

- Streets previously evaluated for traffic calming will only be reconsidered if:
 - **Time:** 5 years
 - **Growth:** Significant development (more than 20% and includes at least 20 additional residential units)
 - **Traffic Patterns:** A new street connection

Proposed Updates to the Policy

F. Traffic Calming Approach: Street Level vs Neighbourhood Wide

- **Street-Level:** Applied when a change is unlikely to affect adjacent streets.
- **Neighbourhood-Wide:** Applied to prevent the unintended shift of traffic to nearby streets.

Resolution

THAT Council receives, for information, the report from the Integrated Transportation Department dated February 10, 2025, regarding Council Policy 300, the Neighbourhood Traffic Calming Program Policy;

AND THAT Council adopts the amended Council Policy No. 300, now titled Neighbourhood Traffic Calming Program, as outlined in the Report from Integrated Transportation Department, dated February 10, 2025.



Questions?

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