

Staff Report

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Meeting Date: January 5, 2025
Subject: High Street Speed Limit and Stop Signs Bylaw
Attachment(s): None

Recommendation

That Council adopt By-law 04-2026, a By-law to authorize the Speed Limit and Stop Control for High Street from Dominion Lookout Point to Grey Street.

Report Summary

On November 25, 2024, Council approved the final design for High Street, which included the installation of all-way stop controls at key intersections, a posted speed limit of 30 km/h, bike symbols on the roadway, and additional safety features along High Street. This report brings forward the required by-law for Council's consideration to implement these measures.

Background/Analysis

The Town of Saugeen Shores has completed Phase 1 of the High Street Reconstruction Project in Southampton, following Council's approval of the final design on November 25, 2024. The project was developed to enhance the downtown core, improve public safety and accessibility, support local businesses, and preserve the community's heritage and streetscape character.

As part of the approved design, all-way stop controls at key intersections and a posted speed limit of 30 km/h is to be implemented along High Street. These changes are meant to make it safer for people walking, slow down cars, and help everyone use the street, whether they are driving, cycling, or walking. Additional safety and accessibility improvements include clearly marked pedestrian crossings, bike symbols on the roadway, enhanced drop-off zones, and loading areas designed to accommodate seasonal events.

To further support the design of High Street, it is recommended that the 30 km/h speed zone be extended along High Street from Victoria Street to Grey Street, ensuring consistent traffic calming and including the area in front of the Southampton Hospital.

The High Street Reconstruction Project aligns with the Town's strategic priorities to create a safer, more pedestrian-friendly downtown and to foster a vibrant main street for residents and visitors. With construction for Phase 1 now complete, it is necessary to update the Town's Traffic By-law to formally establish the 30 km/h speed limit and designate the all-way stop intersections as part of the Town's traffic control framework.

Conclusions

If Council approves the By-law, staff will implement the following measures as soon as practicable:

1. Remove the existing stop control signs at Grey Street and install all-way stop control at the High Street and Grey Street intersection.
2. Remove the temporary all-way stop signs at Victoria Street and High Street and install permanent all-way stop control at that intersection.
3. Remove the existing stop control signs at Grosvenor Street and install all-way stop control at the High Street and Grosvenor Street intersection.
4. Remove all existing 40 km/h speed limit signs and replace them with 30 km/h speed limit signs.

Linkages

- Strategic Plan Alignment: Pillar 4: Fostering a Vibrant Place to Live and Visit
- Business Plan Alignment: Development Services Major Initiative

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding

Cost associated with this program are contained within the existing budget.

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