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**Subject:** Regional Road 18 (Ontario Street) Speed Limit Adjustment, Town of Lincoln

**Report to:** Public Works Committee

**Report date:** Tuesday, June 11, 2019

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## Recommendations

1. That a speed limit reduction on Regional Road 18 (Ontario Street) from the QEW to Canadian National Railway crossing in the Town of Lincoln **BE APPROVED**, reducing the speed from 60 km/h to 50 km/h; and
2. That the necessary by-law **BE PREPARED** and **PRESENTED** to Regional Council for consideration.

## Key Facts

- A delegated authority report addressing speed limit adjustments, currently under draft, and will be coming forward to the 2019 Public Works Committee for consideration and adaption. The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval to reduce the existing posted speed limit of 60 km/h to 50 km/h on Regional Road 18 (Ontario Street) between the QEW to Canadian National Railway crossing in the Town of Lincoln.
- Staff were requested by the Town of Lincoln to give consideration in reducing the posted speed limit along the subject area.
- The proposed speed limit reduction is reflective of the development that has taken place and additional accesses to Ontario Street as a result.
- Reducing the posted speed limit is part of Town of Lincoln's active transportation friendly policies and guidelines.
- Staff have also received requests from residents in the area to have the speed limit reduced.

## Financial Considerations

The costs to introduce the recommended changes are minimal and will be accommodated within the 2019 Transportation Services operating budget.

## **Analysis**

Staff have been requested to consider reducing the posted speed limit on Regional Road 18 (Ontario Street) between the QEW and the Canadian National Railway crossing in the Town of Lincoln (Appendix 1).

The speed adjustment will create a sustainable community which makes an efficient use of existing and planned infrastructure.

Staff have undertaken the necessary studies by incorporating the best practices to specific design and operational effectiveness due to changes in roadway attributes. Based on the findings, Staff are recommending that the posted speed limit on Regional Road 18 (Ontario Street) between the QEW and Canadian National Railway crossing be adjusted to 50 km/h, which will provide for a consistent posted speed limit along the Ontario Street corridor.

Staff at the Town of Lincoln have been informed of the proposed changes and are in support.

## **Alternatives Reviewed**

Do Nothing – this alternative is not being recommended given the changing land use of this area.

## **Relationship to Council Strategic Priorities**

This report is being brought forth by staff, as the result of a safety concern raised by members of the general public through to Niagara Region. By improving public safety, it aligns with Regional Council's strategic priority in the safer Movement of People and Goods.

## **Other Pertinent Reports**

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## **Appendices**

Appendix 1                      Map of Speed Limit Adjustment

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