
MEMORANDUM

TSC-C 11-2019

Subject: Community Safety Zone Program

Date: September 17, 2019

To: Transportation Steering Committee

From: Carolyn Ryall, Director, Transportation Services

The Active Transportation Sub-Committee is respectfully submitting this update pertaining to the Community Safety Zone Program to the Transportation Steering Committee for information only.

- The program was launched on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at two schools.
- The locations of the first two Community Safety Zones on Regional Roads are as follows:
 - St. Davids Public School on Regional Road 81 (York Road) from Queenston Road to Concession 3 Road in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake;
 - Twenty Valley Public School on Regional Road 24 (Victoria Avenue) from Frederick Avenue to Regional Road 81 (King Street) in the Town of Lincoln.
- An educational campaign from September 3 to 15 was launched with Niagara Region and its partners; followed by enforcement starting the week of September 16th, 2019 by Niagara Regional Police.
- Community Safety Zones let motorists know they are within a zone where the Highway Traffic Act has been modified to increase the legislated penalty provisions for moving violations.
- Community Safety Zone signs are posted at the limits of the zone with "Begins" and "Ends" tabs, clearly defining the legal limits of the zone. The rules of the road do not change within the zone, only the penalties for violations are increased.
- Site selection for the launch of the two locations was based on safety concerns and complaints near these sensitive areas, being schools. The following criteria will help to prioritize future site selection locations:
 - Number of safety and speeding complaints at location
 - Percentage of students and families walking to and from school

- Speeding study results and number of violations
- Collision history

- Niagara Region is working in partnership on Community Safety Zones with Niagara Student Transportation Services, District School Board of Niagara, Niagara Region Public Health and Niagara Regional Police Services.

Respectfully submitted and signed by

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Appendix 1 Community Safety Zone Postcard