



## Report to Council

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Division: Operations  
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### Recommendation(s)

**That** Operations-2025-08 entitled, "Community Safety Zone Grondin Avenue" prepared by Norman Nussio, Manager of Operations and Drainage, dated June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, be received;

**That** Council direct administration to implement a Community Safety Zone on Grondin Avenue from Scott Lane to Parnell Street and amend By-Law No. 915 to reflect such.

### Purpose

In accordance with Section 4.2.2 of the Town of Essex Policy Number 47 for Establishing Community Safety Zones, Council requested that Grondin Avenue between Scott Lane and Parnell Street be reviewed for designation of a Community Safety Zone. Therefore, this report is being prepared in accordance with Section 4.2.3 to provide a recommendation for this request as per the notice of motion from the May 20, 2025, regular council meeting.

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Whereas, the new development on Parnell Street in McGregor has resulted in increased traffic near Sainte-Ursule Elementary School.

Now therefore, be it resolved that, Council direct Administration to return with a report considering the installation of a community safety zone on Grondin Avenue near Sainte-Ursule Elementary School in McGregor.

Moved By Councillor Verbeek

Seconded By councillor Matyi

## Background and Discussion

Community Safety Zones (CSZ) were introduced to Ontario in 1998 under the Highway Traffic Act. These are sections of roadway where public safety is of special concern and are under the jurisdiction of the local municipality. CSZs are typically identified on roadways near school, daycares, playgrounds, parks, hospitals, senior citizen residences, and roadway sections with identified high collision or road speed violations rates.

The goal of setting a CSZ is to help modify driver behaviour and improve safety on municipally selected sections of road where public safety is of special concern. The behaviour modification is to be achieved through increased fines for traffic violations committed within the CSZ, therefore, it relies heavily on the enforcement of these posted sections of road.

In accordance with Section 4.3.2 of the Town's policy, CSZs should only be considered where one of the following apply:

- a) *A school, daycare, playground, park, hospital, or senior citizen residences is located within the proposed CSZ; or*
- b) *Local police, at their discretion, determine and/or verify an unusually high road speed violation or high collision rate within the proposed CSZ; or*

- c) *A minimum of three of the following concerns to public safety are determined to be present in the proposed CSZ location:*
- a. *Posted speed limit causes concern for collision risk;*
  - b. *Relatively high 85<sup>th</sup> percentile over speed limit;*
  - c. *High annual average daily traffic (AADT) volumes (>2,000 vehicles/day)*
  - d. *Absence or limitations of sidewalks causes risks for pedestrians;*
  - e. *Relatively high truck volumes;*
  - f. *Relatively high number of intersection or accesses causing concern for increased collision risk; and*
  - g. *A high number of crashes per year on the proposed segment of road (> 1:900 crashes per year)*

To evaluate the need for a community safety zone along Grondin Avenue from Scott Lane to Parnell Street each section of Section 4.3.2 was reviewed and was determined that section 4.3.2(a) meets the criteria for implementing a Community Safety Zone:

- *Section 4.3.2 (a) - A school, daycare, playground, park, hospital, or senior citizen residences is located within the proposed CSZ.*

Based on the evaluation of the criteria above in section 4.3.2(a), it is recommended that a CSZ be implemented on Grondin Avenue from Scott Lane to Parnell Street as shown in Figure 1.

Figure 1 Grondin Avenue CSZ



## Financial Impact

The cost of implementing these Community Safety Zone and installation of signs will be captured under the Public Works operating budget.

## Consultations

Kate Giurissevich, Chief Administrative Officer

Kevin Girard, Director of Infrastructure Services

## Link to Strategic Priorities

- Embrace asset management best practices to build, maintain, and continuously improve our municipally owned infrastructure.
- Leverage our Town's competitive advantages to promote jobs and economic investment.**
- Take care of our natural environment and strengthen the sense of belonging to everyone **who makes Essex "home"**.
- Deliver friendly customer service in an efficient, effective, and transparent manner while providing an exceptional working environment for our employees.
- Build corporate-level and community-level climate resilience through community engagement and partnership and corporate objectives.

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