

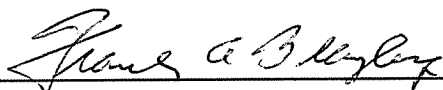


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Halifax Regional Council
May 24, 2005

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: 
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DATE: May 11, 2005

SUBJECT: Speeding Concerns - Devonshire Avenue

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Item 11.2 of the Council meeting on May 3, 2005 requested a report to address traffic calming measures and how to increase public education and awareness with respect to speeding.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Traffic Calming

In an effort to address the issue of traffic calming measures, Halifax Regional Police and HRM's Traffic Services met. At that time, it was determined that Devonshire Avenue is considered a collector road and, therefore, is ineligible for traffic calming.

Public Education/Awareness

The main goal of creating awareness is to reduce incidents of speeding in an effort to make our streets safer.

The following initiatives have been carried out to reduce the incidents of speeding:

- Our initial assessment of Devonshire Avenue determined that there was an insufficient number of speed limit signs. HRM's Traffic Services has increased the number of maximum 50 km signs from two to four.
- Spot radar checks were conducted between May 5-9, 2005 with eight speeding tickets being issued.
- Police met with the Base Commander of Stadacona and the Safety Officer for Halifax Shipyards (two of the largest users of Devonshire Avenue) and outlined the concern of speeding in the neighbourhood. Both agreed to post notices reminding their employees of the speed limit in the area.
- The speed trailer will be set up on Devonshire Avenue to collect data on speed trends and followed up with radar enforcement.
- A roadside vehicle check, in partnership with the Motor Vehicle Inspection Branch, for Devonshire Avenue was conducted on May 13th. The media was invited to this event.
- The area was targeted for radar enforcement during *Canada Road Safety Week*, May, 17-23. The media was also invited to attend this initiative in an effort to raise public awareness.

These education and enforcement initiatives will help modify drivers' behaviour, thereby, reducing the incidents of speeding and achieving our goal of making our streets safer.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

N/A

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

ALTERNATIVES - N/A

ATTACHMENTS - N/A

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