

## **Speed Limit Policy**

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Note:

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This policy provides guidance in the review and implementation of speed limits on roadways under City of Burlington jurisdiction.

## **Policy Statement:**

The City of Burlington recognizes the importance of reviewing and establishing speed limits on roadways that are safe, appropriate and consistent. In doing so, the following citywide speed limit policies shall be in effect:

### Speed Limit on Roads with School Frontage

Local and collector roads containing school frontage will have a speed limit of 40 km/h

Arterial roads with school frontage will have reduced speed limit during school times identified by signs and/or flashing beacons

### Speed Limit on Roads with Parks

Roads containing parks with playgrounds, play fields or other equipment utilized primarily by children will have a speed limit of 40 km/h

### Reduced Speed Limit Areas

Specific areas may be designated for a reduced speed limit through a by-law approved by Council.

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## Speed Limit Review Methodology

City staff will use the Transportation Association of Canada (TAC) guidelines, attached as Appendix A when reviewing speed limits on roads.

## Speed Limit Signage

Signs will adhere to the regulations of the Highway Traffic Act and the guidelines provided in the Ontario Traffic Manual.

## Administration

Speed limits will be set in accordance with the Highway Traffic Act

The Rates of Speed schedule of the city's Traffic By-law will contain a consolidation of roads and their speed limit and may be amended periodically through a by-law passed by Council.

## **Scope:**

This policy applies to the review of speed limits on roadways under the City's jurisdiction by staff within the Transportation Services Department.

## **Objectives:**

The objectives of this policy are to formalize and document citywide speed limit practices and to establish a methodology for the review and implementation of speed limits that is consistent and representative of the function of a particular roadway.

## **Definitions:**

For the purpose of this policy, unless otherwise stated, the following definitions shall apply:

Term	Definition
HTA	Highway Traffic Act

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Term	Definition
Ontario Traffic Manual	A set of provincial guidelines for the application and placement of traffic control devices that provide consistency with the intent of the Highway Traffic Act.

## References:

Highway Traffic Act  
Burlington Traffic Bylaw 86-2007

## Roles:

### **Accountable:**

Manager of Traffic Operations and Signals

### **Responsible:**

Supervisor of Traffic Operations

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## Automated Speed Limit Guidelines FORM A - Automated Speed Limit Guidelines Spreadsheet

Version:  
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Name of Corridor:			
Segment Evaluated:		to	
Geographic Region:	Halton		
Road Agency:	City of Burlington		
Road Classification:	Local	Length of Corridor:	
Urban / Rural:	Urban	Design Speed: (Required for Freeway, Expressway, Highway)	
Divided / Undivided:	Undivided	Current Posted Speed: (For information only)	50
Major / Minor:	Minor	Prevailing Speed: (85th Percentile - for information only)	
# Through Lanes	1 lane	Policy: (Maximum Posted Speed)	
Per Direction:			

		RISK	Score
A1	GEOMETRY (Horizontal)		
A2	GEOMETRY (Vertical)		
A3	AVERAGE LANE WIDTH		
B	ROADSIDE HAZARDS		
C1	PEDESTRIAN EXPOSURE		
C2	CYCLIST EXPOSURE		
D	PAVEMENT SURFACE		
E1	NUMBER OF INTERSECTIONS WITH PUBLIC ROADS	Number of Occurrences	
	STOP controlled intersection		
	Signalized intersection		
	Roundabout or traffic circle		
	Crosswalk		
	Active, at-grade railroad crossing		
	Sidestreet STOP-controlled or lane		
E2	NUMBER OF INTERSECTIONS WITH PRIVATE ACCESS DRIVEWAYS	Number of Occurrences	
	Left turn movements permitted		
	Right-in / Right-out only		
E3	NUMBER OF INTERCHANGES	Number of Occurrences	0
	Number of interchanges along corridor	0	
F	ON-STREET PARKING		

Total Risk Score:

Recommended Posted  
Speed Limit (km/h):

As determined by road characteristics

As determined by policy

The recommended posted speed limit may be checked against the prevailing speeds of the roadway and the road's safety performance.

Comments: