



**Date:** Wednesday, July 19, 2023

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**Subject:** Speed Limits Keppel Sarawak School

**Report** CES-2023-15

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## **Recommendation**

That Council direct Georgian Bluffs staff to work with City of Owen Sound staff in supporting the creation of a school zone at Keppel Sarawak school; and

That subject to the approval of Owen Sound Council, Georgian Bluffs staff work with City of Owen Sound staff on implementing a 30 km/hr. speed limit on:

- 24<sup>th</sup> Street between Carney Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue West
- Finden Street at 24<sup>th</sup> Street for approximately 300 m due north and,
- 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 24<sup>th</sup> Street West and 26<sup>th</sup> Street West; and

That staff be directed to develop a bylaw reflective of these changes as required.

## **Background**

The City of Owen Sound has approached staff at the Township as a result of Owen Sound Council direction to review traffic calming, neighbourhood speed limits, school zones and traffic calming. As part of this analysis, Owen Sound staff have identified that adding a school zone around Keppel Sarawak school would be advantageous. 8<sup>th</sup> Street West is the municipal boundary line between the two lower tiers and is the road onto which the school fronts.

## **Analysis**

The City of Owen Sound (City) implements school zones around schools in the City to help support student safety where immediately adjacent streets have a reduced speed limit to 30 km/hr to further reduce and manage the risk of injury. In review, Keppel Sarawak school fronts onto a street which is under the partial jurisdiction of the City of



Owen Sound and as such, staff are recommending that a school zone be implemented here.

While the school fronts onto a shared road, 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue West, the majority of roads that would be considered within a typical school zone are under the Townships care and control and so an effective school zone here can only be implemented in partnership.

It is proposed that a school zone be implemented as shown in the attached, that would see a 30 km/hr zone in effect on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue West between 24<sup>th</sup> Street and 26<sup>th</sup> Street, on Finden Street for approximately 300m north from 24<sup>th</sup> Street and on 24<sup>th</sup> Street from 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue West to Carney Street.

## **Financial Impact**

It is anticipated that the costs for implementing this within the Township will be less than \$5,000 to be drawn from regular operating budgets.

## **Strategic Priorities**

1. Improve Communication, Collaboration and Transparency
  - a. Enhance collaboration with stakeholders, partners and neighbouring municipalities.
2. Increase Available Community, Recreational and Social Opportunities
  - a. Continually improve public/open spaces to ensure accessibility and safety.

## **Conclusion**

In partnership with the City of Owen Sound, it is proposed that a school safety zone be implemented at Keppel Sarawak Elementary School and that speed limits be reduced to 30 km/hr on roads around the school.

Respectfully Submitted: Niall Lobley. Acting CAO/Director of Community & Environmental Services