

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

Council: August 18, 2023

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR N. NANN.....

**Wentworth Street North in Proximity to Cathy Wever Elementary School 30 km/h
Speed Limit Reduction Pilot (Ward 3)**

WHEREAS, Vision Zero and Complete Streets principles are used in the City of Hamilton to provide a safer environment for all road users;

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2022 a young pedestrian was struck on Wentworth Street North by the driver and sustained serious injuries;

WHEREAS, the collision occurred on Wentworth Street North in-front of Cathy Wever Elementary School;

WHEREAS, on July 6, 2022 a motion was approved by Public Works Committee directing the Transportation Division to review Wentworth Street North between Bristol Street and Cannon Street East to determine and undertake reasonable pedestrian focused safety enhancements with consideration for a speed limit reduction to 30 km/h within the School Zone;

WHEREAS, the Transportation Division completed a review and have begun undertaking safety enhancements, including expanding the limits of the existing school zone, introducing full-time protected parking to enhance protection between vehicle through traffic and pedestrians, shortening the crossing distance for the existing pedestrian cross-over located approximately in-front of the school, and installing a painted buffer on the roadway to narrow the vehicle lanes and provide additional separation between vehicles and pedestrians;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton Official Plan classifies Wentworth Street North as a minor arterial road and the Council approved Speed Limit Policy sets speed limits on arterial roadways at either 60 km/h or 50 km/h;

WHEREAS, the Transportation Division is currently reviewing the Speed Limit Policy to determine the best practices for setting speed limits by applying Vision Zero Principals;

WHEREAS, safe speeds is an important factor in enhancing safety throughout the City and that speed has a significant role to play regarding the severity of injuries resulting from traffic collisions; and

WHEREAS, sections of arterial roadways may benefit from reduced speed limits up to and including a reduction to 30 km/h.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Transportation Division continues with and completes the implementation of the identified safety enhancements on Wentworth Street North between Bristol Street and Cannon Street East based on the completed review.
- (b) That the Transportation Division undertake a speed limit pilot on Wentworth Street North between Bristol Street and Cannon Street East by reducing the speed limit to 30 km/h and report back to Public Works Committee on the results of the pilot, including an assessment of considering similar pilots and/or permanent speed limit reductions on arterial roadways City-wide.
- (c) The Transportation Division coordinates the speed limit reduction with Hamilton Police Service's Traffic Enforcement Unit for consideration of increased enforcement during the pilot period.
- (d) That the speed limit pilot be effective as soon as convenient and conclude no later than Q3 of 2024.
- (e) That Schedule 2 of Traffic By-law No. 01-215 be amended to be reflective of the 30 km/h speed limit reduction on Wentworth Street North between Bristol Street and Cannon Street East to enable to speed limit pilot.