



**GRAND VALLEY**

## **STAFF REPORT**

**To:** Mayor and Members of Council

**From:** Meghan Townsend, CAO/Clerk

**Meeting Date:** January 28, 2025

**Report Number:** **2025-009**

**Subject:** By-law to prescribe lower rates of speed within the Town of Grand Valley – Main Street North and South

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### **Recommendation**

**THAT** Council receive Report – By-law to prescribe lower rates of speed within the Town of Grand Valley – Main Street North and South,

**AND FURTHER THAT** Council approves the by-law as presented and directs staff to prepare and present the by-law for passing.

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### **Executive Summary**

#### **Purpose**

To present a by-law to prescribe a 40 kilometre per hour speed limit on Main Street, North and South, in Grand Valley

#### **Key Findings**

The original speed limit by-law for this stretch of road contained references to time limits. No other by-law had been passed to remove those time limits.

## **Financial Implications**

None.

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## **Report**

### **Background**

Grand Valley is posting an automated speed enforcement camera in front of the elementary school on Main Street North. In order to prepare for the camera's activation, the Town is to provide an evidence package, supporting our preparation for the deployment of this tool. Included in this package is to be photographs of the required signage, sample camera shots from the new camera, and all the by-laws supporting the enforcement program, including the Community Safety Zone by-laws and the applicable speed limit by-laws.

### **Discussion**

Upon review of the Town's various speed limiting by-laws, it was discovered that there is no by-law explicitly enforcing a 40 kilometre per hour limit between William Street and the elementary school, and the current by-law to lower the speed in front of the school only provides for a speed reduction during school hours (see Attachment 1 – By-law 1996-18). Town signs posted along our roads reflect a 40 kilometre per hour limit on Main Street and Water Street through the length of the urban area. However, existing by-laws only provide for this limit along Water Street, from Melody Lane to William Street, and then in front of the school.

A by-law to correct this oversight is attached to this report as Attachment 2. If this new by-law is passed, the by-law from 1996 will be repealed and replaced with this new by-law. Speed Enforcement Tickets that have been issued in accordance with 1996-18 will still be valid.

If Council approves and passes the new by-law, it will be included in the evidence package for the automated speed enforcement program. If Council decides to keep the existing by-law, the automated speed enforcement program will only be able to operate between the hours prescribed in the by-law (8:00am – 4:00pm, on school days), as the

camera is not set up to accommodate varied speed limits, and street signage will need to be corrected.

**Financial Impact**

None.

**Consultations**

None.

**Attachments**

Attachment 1 – By-law 1996-18 Being a By-law to prescribe speed limits in School Zones  
– 40 Kilometres per hour

Attachment 2 - By-law to prescribe lower rates of speed within the Town of Grand Valley

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