

July 8, 2025



## City Council Committee Report

**To: Mayor & Council**

**Fr: Greg Breen, Director of Engineering & Infrastructure**

**Re: Donbrock Drive Speed Limit Reduction**

### **Recommendation:**

That Council approves an amendment to the Traffic and Parking Bylaw, Schedule "T" Rates of Speed, reducing the speed limit of Donbrock Drive to 40 kilometers per hour; and further

That three readings be given to a bylaw for this purpose.

### **Background:**

The City's Engineering Department received a request from a resident(s) of Donbrock Drive, requesting that the speed limit of Donbrock Drive be reduced, and/or that a Community Safety Zone be implemented.

The resident(s) noted concerns traffic flow through a neighbourhood where there is a growing number of children playing and having witnessed vehicle speeds that appeared to exceed the current speed limit of 50km/h.

### **Notes from staff's review:**

The City's primary speed limit for residential areas is 50km/h. This is a default speed noted in the traffic and parking bylaw. As a default, it may not be posted in all areas.

Over the years, the City has implemented reduced speed and community safety zones on residential streets that lead to, or are nearby, a park, school, or community gathering location or building that is activated regularly. Other areas where this has been done are more rural neighbourhoods where the alignment of the road creates areas of reduced visibility or road shoulders are narrow.

Implementing a reduced speed limit on Donbrock Drive would not be consistent with others across the City. Despite that, the potentially positive safety impacts of a speed reduction would outweigh what is a practically negligible impact to drivers. It must be considered that the implementation of a reduced speed limit for Donbrock Drive may lead to an increase in requests for these types of changes. Were the City to receive a large number of speed limit review requests, that evaluation would impact the department and response time could be perceived to not meet the expectations of the community.

At the present time however, apart from City-wide consistency of speed limits, there is no reason to deny a speed limit reduction to 40km/hr. Though, it would not be recommended that a Community Safety Zone be implemented, to maintain consistency among the types of areas in Kenora where speed fines are increased.

Traffic and Parking bylaw Schedule "T" Rates of Speed would be updated as follows:

**ADD:**

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Street	Location	Maximum Speed (km/h)
Donbrock Dr	From Airport Rd to Airport Rd	40

**Budget:**

There is no budget impact associated with this report. Signage would be installed on Donbrock Drive as part of regular operations.

**Risk Analysis:**

The risk associated with this report is positive. The speed reduction increases neighbour vehicle and pedestrian safety, while minimally impacting drivers.

**Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements:** Bylaw Required, Resolution Transmitted to R. Wilcott, Roads Maintenance Manager.

**Strategic Plan or other Guiding Document:**

Strategic Plan

Goal 1.2 – Ensure well maintained and sustainably financed City infrastructure