

To: Members of Council, Town of Pelham, and J. Marr, Director, Public Works

Re: Revision of Policy S801-02 for Neighbourhood Traffic Management, 2019-0142-Public Works

At its December 2, 2019 meeting of the Policy and Priorities Committee, Council referred this item to the Pelham Active Transportation Committee for review and comment. The committee members appreciate the opportunity to provide input on this important issue, which is often identified by residents as a concern.

The committee was provided with an overview of the draft policy by J. Marr, Director, Public Works and R. Cook, Manager at its December 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Following a robust discussion, the PATC members agreed to communicate the following comments to Council for its consideration:

1. The PATC is generally supportive of the proposed policy, as it will provide a consistent approach to traffic calming, using established criteria for evaluation, data and evidence to support decision making, and a clear process to communicate with residents in the affected area. The policy provides information, examples and creates a common understanding of what is and what is not traffic calming. Public access to the policy and the information is required for a complaint driven process, such as this. The PATC supports the implementation and evaluation of “soft” traffic calming measures prior to the introduction of more rigid measures.
2. The proposed policy does not address two important issues which have been identified to the PATC by residents, namely:
  - Traffic calming in rural areas and rural roads
  - Traffic calming in neighbourhoods that include schools, social hubs or parks. There may be many users of these facilities/areas who do not necessarily live in the neighbourhoods. School zones, in particular, may require a more inclusive process to address the concerns of students and parents, beyond those of the immediate neighbours. The input from those who utilize the schools/social hubs/parks is also valid and required.

In addition, while the process is primarily complaint driven, it should also allow initiation by staff, should circumstances warrant it. For example, changes to road usage in other communities such as Welland or Thorold may require review of traffic calming of affected areas in Pelham.

3. Finally, the PATC also identified a number of related issues for Council’s consideration:
  - Consider traffic calming requirements as new developments are being planned
  - The increased density of housing may affect traffic calming and the consultation process under consideration.

- Are there sufficient human resources to meet the requirements of the policy?
- Ensure clarity of the policy and process so that residents understand it and are able to use it
- Once the policy is approved, use media and other resources to inform and educate the residents of Pelham

Thank you for inviting the PATC to provide this input. If you require clarification or additional information, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Thank you,

Bea Clark, Chair  
Pelham Active Transportation Committee

Members:

Brian Baty, Rhys Evans, Bob Fish, Bill Gibson, Lisa Gallant, Joe Marchant, Dave Nicholson, Barb Rybiak  
Pelham Councillor John Wink, Regional Councillor Diana Huson

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