

Traffic Calming For Residential Areas

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CAO Signature: 

Purpose:

This policy is intended to address traffic calming on local roads and collector roads in residential areas. This policy will provide the Administration and the general public with a simple and transparent direction to assess, design, and implement appropriate traffic calming measures as required.

Responsibility:

1. Council has the ultimate authority to approve implementation and funding for traffic calming plans that are developed under this policy and is responsible for approving amendments to this policy.
2. Staff is responsible for carrying out this policy as follows:
The General Manager of Infrastructure and Planning is the corporate lead for all Transportation and associated Public Safety programs and may delegate any portion of this Policy to a designate in the public works department.

Definitions:

Traffic Calming is the implementation of mainly physical measures to:

- (i) reduce the negative effects of motor vehicle use,
- (ii) alter driver behavior, and (iii) improve conditions for non-motorized street users.

Request for Traffic Calming Measures:

1. Speed bumps are **not deemed** to be an acceptable traffic calming device within Lac Ste. Anne County due to maintenance requirements and ongoing costs.
2. Upon receiving a request for traffic calming measures the General Manager of Infrastructure and Planning or their designate shall review the request and determine if traffic calming is an appropriate solution at the location identified. The consideration will be based on objective data analysis, existing criteria, budget, and current capital and infrastructure requirements.

3. Traffic calming projects are to be conducted **only** on residential streets where concerns about traffic speeds and/or volumes which may require a more pedestrian-friendly environment exist.
4. After a traffic calming related concern is submitted to the County, the street will be evaluated for eligibility. For a street to be eligible for traffic calming it must meet **all** of the following criteria:
 - Residential local or collector road 50 km/h speed limit or lower;
 - Street length longer than 550 m between intersections;
 - Street has not been evaluated for traffic calming in the last 10 years.
5. No further study will be required on a property that does not meet the criteria established within Section 4 by Administration unless a petition is received.

Petition for Traffic Calming Measures:

All of the following criteria must be met for the petition to be accepted:

- A minimum of 60% of properties in the petition area must respond in favour of Traffic Calming within eight months of the issuance of the petition.
- Property owners must indicate a willingness to have a traffic calming measure installed in front of their property. These may not be the preferred locations for a device but at least show a willingness to be involved in creating a solution. For example, the petition form could include the option to select, “By signing this petition, I acknowledge that if a traffic calming device is installed in my neighbourhood, it may be located in front of my property”.
- Received within 45 days of the decision by Public Works to not proceed with a Traffic Calming Study.

Upon submission of the completed petition, Public Works will confirm that the required support threshold has been reached. If the petition demonstrates sufficient support for traffic calming, the process will continue to conduct a study.

Where a Traffic Calming Plan is developed Administration will bring forward the plan to Council for a decision on whether or not the plan shall be implemented.