

CITY OF FORT SASKATCHEWAN

Bylaw C2-15 – Amend Traffic Bylaw C4-09 – School Zones

Motions:

1. That Council give first reading to Bylaw C2-15, which amends Traffic Bylaw C4-09.
2. That Council give second reading to Bylaw C2-15, which amends Traffic Bylaw C4-09.
3. That Council provide unanimous consent to proceed with third and final reading to Bylaw C2-15, which amends Traffic Bylaw C4-09.
4. That Council give third reading to Bylaw C2-15, which amends Traffic Bylaw C4-09.

Background:

At the September 23, 2014 regular Council Meeting, Council supported the setting of new school zone times in Fort Saskatchewan. At that time, Administration advised Council that this change could be made through the City Manager's delegated powers within Traffic Bylaw C4-09, however, upon further review and consultation with the Legislative Services department, amendments to the Traffic Bylaw are recommended to support the prosecution of these regulations. Amendments include definitions, requirements for signage, and specified speed limits.

Topic Identification/Outcomes:

A reduced speed limit in the vicinity of Fort Saskatchewan schools, during all times, when students may be in the area increases safety for the most vulnerable users of the road. The *Traffic Safety Act* and City of Fort Saskatchewan Traffic Bylaw C4-09 both designate the setting of school zone locations as under the authority of the City Manager. A change from provincially set school zone times is best supported through definitive wording in the Traffic Bylaw to support the legal enforcement of these limits. The proposed Bylaw amendment covers definitions, required signage and designated speed limits for school and playground zones. This wording will support enforcement with violation tickets and court prosecutions.

New school zone signs were put in place for January 1, 2015 and a one month educational period is occurring during the month of January with warning tickets for the new school zone time period being issued. Violation tickets for speeding during the provincially designated times may still be issued.

Traffic Bylaw C4-09 includes Section 49, Order to Comply, which allows the City to issue an Order to require compliance with our regulations. The proposed amendments clarify the responsibility and authority of the City to act in cases where an on-site inspection is required. This action may be required in situations relating to regulations for advertising, debris and impounding or removal of property. The new wording also identifies Fail to Comply as an offence with a fine for violation. An Order to Comply and/or an on-site inspection are the last steps of Municipal Enforcement in the process of enforcing the Bylaw and encouraging compliance. There are many contacts with the property owner, both in person, by telephone and in writing, prior to these final steps being taken. The amendments to the Order to Comply section enhance the ability of staff to enforce

the approved regulations, thus avoiding the need to hire a contractor to complete the work and collect the funds from the property owner.

Alternatives:

1. That Council give three readings to Bylaw C2-15, which amends Traffic Bylaw C4-09.
2. That Council not give three readings to Bylaw C2-15, which amends Traffic Bylaw C4-09, and advise how they wish to proceed.

Staff Capacity:

Enforcement of the new school zone times will occur during all times the zone is in effect. This enforcement can be accommodated within the current duties assigned to both Municipal Enforcement and the RCMP

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications for these bylaw amendments.

Community Sustainability Plan:

The amendments to both areas speak to Fort Saskatchewan as a safe and welcoming community; and to protecting vulnerable users of our roadways.

External Communications/Participation:

Road signs have been placed at each school zone location and a public education campaign began in December, 2014 and will run until February, 2015.

Enclosure:

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