



October 4, 2022

His Worship
Mayor Fred Haynes
The Corporation of the District of Saanich
770 Vernon Avenue
Victoria BC V8X 2W7

Reference: 311852

Dear Mayor Haynes:

Re: Municipal Speed Limits

Thank you for your letter regarding municipal speed limits. I appreciate your commitment to improving road safety in your community.

As you know, the B.C. Motor Vehicle Act (MVA) establishes the default speed limit of 50 km/h on municipal roads, unless otherwise posted. This default speed limit model balances variations in road networks and traffic across rural and urban communities and has been widely adopted across Canada. Ministry staff are not aware of any Canadian province or territory that has implemented a blanket default speed limit of 30 km/h.

While the provincial government amended the MVA in 2019 to allow for pilot projects to research, test and evaluate new regulatory approaches, the ministry continues to encourage local communities to pursue solutions that best meet local needs. As you know from our previous correspondence, the MVA provides local governments with the authority to lower the default speed limit on municipal roads through their bylaws and by posting signs to indicate speed limits. This option continues to be available to all B.C. municipalities, and we look forward to discussing any findings or data communities wish to share about their community-initiated pilot projects to lower speeds.

Regarding your request for a provincial pilot project to establish a reduced default speed limit of 30 km/h, the ministry has not received a concept or proposal from any community that includes a detailed supporting rationale explaining challenges with the existing municipal authority and the need for a provincial pilot. I understand your consideration respecting the cost of speed limit signs, but it remains unclear how a provincial pilot project would reduce the need for signage.

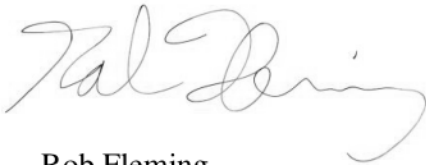
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That said, the ministry recognizes the costs involved with sign installation as required under the MVA can be significant. Should the District of Saanich proceed with its own pilot project to test lower speed limits in specific areas or across most or all roads in the municipality, I would like to again highlight the potential opportunity available to offset additional signage costs through our Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant Program.

Ministry staff would welcome any findings or data your community is willing to share from a municipal speed pilot project, including any recommendations for the provincial government to support safety of vulnerable road users and increased active transportation. Please feel free to contact Jeremy Wood, Acting Executive Director for the Transportation Policy and Legislation Branch, if you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter. He can be reached at 778 698-5191 or Jeremy.Wood@gov.bc.ca.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Fleming', written in a cursive style.

Rob Fleming
Minister

Copy to: Reg Bawa, Assistant Deputy Minister
Policy, Programs and Partnerships Division

Jeremy Wood, A/Executive Director
Transportation Policy and Legislation Branch



June 13, 2023

Her Worship
Mayor Barbara Desjardins
Township of Esquimalt
1229 Esquimalt Road
Esquimalt BC V9A 3P1

Reference: 316182
Your file: 0550-01

Dear Mayor Desjardins:

Re: Municipal Speed Limits

Thank you for your letter of February 27, 2023, requesting the provincial government amend the Motor Vehicle Act (MVA) to enable municipalities to change the default speed limits on different types of municipal streets or enable pilot projects to do so. I appreciate your commitment to improving road safety in your community.

As you know, the MVA establishes the default speed limit of 50 km/h on municipal roads, unless otherwise posted. This default speed limit model balances variations in road networks and traffic across rural and urban communities and has been widely adopted across Canada.

As you mention, the MVA provides local governments with the authority to lower the speed limit on municipal roads as they see fit through their bylaws and by posting signs to indicate speed limits. While I appreciate that the costs involved with sign installation as required under the MVA can be significant, the need for signage and associated costs would remain for a speed limit reduction implemented through a pilot project.

Any proposal for a pilot project to change the default speed limit would need to include a detailed rationale that explains the challenges with the existing municipal authority to alter speed limits and the need for a provincial pilot. The ministry has not received such a proposal from any community but would gladly consider one if provided.

If you would like to discuss this matter, please feel free to contact the ministry's Executive Director of the Transportation Policy and Legislation Branch, Jeremy Wood. He can be reached at 778 698-5191 or Jeremy.Wood@gov.bc.ca and would be pleased to hear from you.

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Additionally, implementing lower speeds without added enforcement or other measures to reinforce driver compliance can lead to reduced safety, as not all drivers will obey lower posted speed limits, especially if they do not appear to match a road's characteristics, such as its width or sightlines. We continue to encourage local communities to pursue approaches to speed limits that best meet local needs and the conditions on their streets, which can vary widely. To support driver compliance with reduced speeds, municipalities can opt to redesign some roads to be narrower or to have narrower lanes, while on other roads traffic calming devices such as chicanes and speed humps may work best. More information on roadway designs that help protect all road users is available in the B.C. Community Road Safety Toolkit.

The ministry is committed to supporting road safety. We look forward to discussing any findings or data communities wish to share about their community-initiated pilot projects to lower speeds, including any recommendations for the provincial government to support safety of vulnerable road users and increased active transportation.

Should the Township of Esquimalt want to advance a specific project to improve active transportation in the community as defined under the program criteria of the ministry's Active Transportation Infrastructure Grants Program, the costs of new signs as part of the project could be considered.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

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Rob Fleming
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His Worship

Mayor Fred Haynes

The Corporation of the District of Saanich

c/o Jennifer Downie

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311852 - Municipal Speed Limits

Dear Mayor Haynes:

Please find attached correspondence from the Honourable Rob Fleming, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure.

Sincerely,

Office of the Minister

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

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Minister Fleming:

Attached, please find correspondence from Mayor Haynes dated July 25, 2022, re: Reducing Speed Limits

Kindly confirm receipt of this email.

Thank you,
Jennifer

Jennifer Downie
Administrative Assistant to the CAO

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Via email: Minister.Transportation@gov.bc.ca
rob.fleming.MLA@leg.bc.ca

July 25, 2022

The Honourable Rob Fleming, M.L.A.
Victoria – Swan Lake
Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure
PO Box 9055 Prov Stn Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Fleming:

The District of Saanich is committed to creating safer streets for all road users. Reducing speed limits is one measure available to meet this goal, and under the BC Motor Vehicle Act (BC MVA), municipalities, like ours have the authority to set and change speed limits on municipal roads as deemed appropriate. We understand the provisions of Section 146 of the BC MVA, but we have concerns with the lack of clarity in the legislation, and from your office on the frequency and placement of speed limit signage. The purpose of this letter is to share our concerns with the direction that we've received and to reiterate our desire for provincial leadership in, either advancing MVA pilot projects for road safety improvements across the province or updating and modernizing the BC Motor Vehicle Act to allow municipalities to lower the default speed limit within their jurisdictions.

In 2019, the District of Saanich, in partnership with other municipalities in the Capital Region were preparing an application as part of the MVA pilot program (Phase 2) to reduce speed limits on roads without a continuous yellow centre line to 30 km/h. Late in 2021, I wrote you to request an update on Phase 2 of the pilot program. In January 2022, I received the email you sent to all Union of British Columbia Municipality members, which clarified options currently available to change speed limits under Section 146 of the MVA.

As was indicated in your letter, the MVA does not specify the frequency or placement of speed limit signage and municipalities wanting to establish lower speed limits on streets within specific geographic areas do not necessarily need to post speed signs on every block. The letter goes on to suggest that municipalities should consider a number of local factors including the characteristics of the road network, as well as advice from our legal counsel and the police when deciding the frequency and placement of signage.

The City of Nelson is an example of municipality with a blanket 40 km/h speed limit that is enforced through entrance signage. However, unlike Nelson, Saanich has more than three entrances and is a considerably larger and more complex city. Unlike Vancouver and Surrey - the other two examples identified in your letter, Saanich is not laid out in a grid pattern and it does not have geographic areas that can be easily identified and defined on a map for the purposes of establishing slow zones. Furthermore, in discussions with our legal team and Saanich Police the examples provided are likely not enforceable and we have determined that signs are required on every block to comply with the MVA.

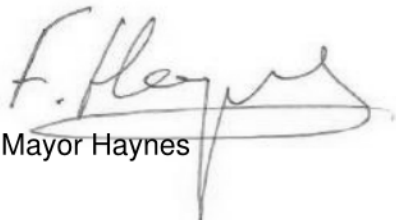
In July 2022, our Council passed a Speed Limit Establishment Policy that empowers us to reduce speed limits on all local roads without a continuous yellow centre line to 30 km/h and to review and set appropriate speed limits on all collector and major roads (roads with a continuous yellow centre line) through amendments to the Streets and Traffic Regulation Bylaw and installation of signage. A copy of the Policy is attached and is based off the National Association of City Transportation Officials Setting Safe Speed Limits On Urban Streets guide.

As per the policy, we are moving forward with Safe Speed Studies on nine priority corridors later this year. All of the corridors are made up of major and collector streets (i.e. streets with a continuous yellow centre line) that were selected based on a review of crash data, police input as well as input from the public. Ensuring an equitable distribution of corridors throughout the District and being consistent with speed limits along corridors were two key priorities.

Saanich has an extensive network of local roads and the costs to fabricate and install speed limit signs throughout these areas will be significant. As a result, we anticipate that it will take several years and many millions of dollars to implement this change, which is why I am writing to you to request provincial leadership to reinstate Phase 2 of the pilot projects for road safety improvements or modernize the BC MVA to allow municipalities, like Saanich to lower the default speed limit within their jurisdictions. This change would not only save us time and money in the long-term, it would also enable us to move forward with other important municipal priorities – many of which align with provincial priorities, such as increasing the percentage of trips taken with active transportation, achieving zero fatalities or serious injuries resulting from crashes on our streets and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my concerns and request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'F. Haynes', with a stylized, sweeping underline.

Mayor Haynes

- c. Saanich Council
C/Cst. Dean Duthie, Saanich Police
Harley Machielse, Director of Engineering
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Minister Fleming,

Please see the letter on behalf of the Township of Esquimalt's Mayor and Council, regarding Municipal Approaches to Lowering Speed Limits.

With kind regards,

Sue-Anne Carter, *(She/Her)*

Executive Assistant | Office of the Mayor and CAO, Township of Esquimalt

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Honoured & privileged to work on the ləkʷəŋən traditional territory and respectfully acknowledge the people of the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations. Nətsəmat (We are all One) həysxʷqə.





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February 27, 2023

via email: Minister.MOTI@gov.bc.ca

File No. 0550-01

The Honorable Rob Fleming, MLA
Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure
PO Box 9055 Prov Stn Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Fleming:

Re: Municipal Approach to Lowering Speed Limits

At its meeting held on December 12, 2022, the Council of the Township of Esquimalt (Esquimalt) discussed what Esquimalt's approach to lowering speed limits should be. Speed limits are set in two ways within Esquimalt. One is through the Streets and Traffic Bylaw (Bylaw) and the other is through the British Columbia Motor Vehicle Act (MVA), which sets default speed limits.

In 2019, a motion was brought forward at the Union of British Columbia Municipalities conference to adjust the default speed limit within municipalities to a lower speed (i.e. 30 or 40 km/hr) on local no centre line streets. The Province then modified the Motor Vehicle Act (MVA) by adding Part 13 to allow pilot projects that would research, test, and evaluate new regulatory approaches to matters not currently set out in the MVA framework.

In December 2020, Esquimalt Council directed staff to participate in a project the District of Saanich (Saanich) initiated for a regional pilot project for lowering default speed limits under Part 13 of the MVA; however, this project was put on hold in early 2022 due to no timeline being provided by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) for accepting pilot projects.

Without an option to change default speeds, Esquimalt is required to reduce speed limits through changes to the Bylaw and installation of necessary signage. To enforce speed limit changes that are made through the Bylaw option, signs need to be installed following every intersection. Esquimalt is exploring changing speed limits on Major Roads to 40km/hr, and residential collectors and local roads to 30km/hr; however, this would require approximately 550 new signs.

Cost estimates to complete this ranges from \$275,000 to \$440,000 for 550 signs. Unfortunately, these costs represent a significant financial burden to taxpayers and will likely result in sign clutter by adding the required signs throughout the Township. Other Municipalities within the Capital Regional District will also have these cost burdens.

The Township would like to respectfully request that the Province consider empowering municipalities to establish default speed limits on streets within their respective jurisdictions through changes to the MVA or reconsider accepting pilot projects as set out in Part 13 of the MVA. These changes will make roads safer for all users and reduce the costs for municipalities to implement such changes through bylaws and signage.

I would like the opportunity to discuss these issues with someone within the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and can be reached at 250-414-7101 or via email at barbara.desjardins@esquimalt.ca. I look forward to coming up with a collaborative solution that meets the needs of Esquimalt and the region.

Yours truly,



Barbara Desjardins
Mayor, Township of Esquimalt

cc: Township of Esquimalt Council
Colin Plant, Board Chair, Capital Regional District
District of Central Saanich
City of Colwood
District of Highlands
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His Worship
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307415 - Municipal speed limits

Dear Mayor Haynes:

Please find attached correspondence from the Honourable Rob Fleming, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure.

Sincerely,

Office of the Minister
Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure



February 14, 2022

His Worship
Mayor Fred Haynes
District of Saanich
770 Vernon Avenue
Victoria BC V8X 2W7

Reference: 307415

Dear Mayor Haynes:

Re: Municipal speed limits

Thank you for your letter of December 13, 2021, regarding ways for municipalities to reduce the speed limit on their residential streets.

As you have probably seen, I sent an email on this topic to all Union of British Columbia Municipalities members on January 5, 2022. The letter explained that municipalities do have the authority to reduce speed limits along their local roads without needing to post speed signs on every block. I have attached a copy of that email for your convenience.

If you would still like to discuss a future potential pilot project focused on supporting active transportation, Jeremy Wood, Senior Legislative Director for the Transportation Policy and Legislation Branch, would be happy to discuss the matter further with you. Mr. Wood can be reached at 778 698-5191 or Jeremy.Wood@gov.bc.ca.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

Rob Fleming
Minister

Attachment

Copy to: Jeremy Wood, Senior Legislative Director
Transportation Policy and Legislation Branch

From: Transportation, Minister TRAN:EX (Anna.Maida@gov.bc.ca)
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Subject:
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306334 – Municipal speed limits

Dear Union of British Columbia Municipalities members:

Municipalities throughout British Columbia are committed to creating safer streets for all road users, and the ministry shares in this commitment. Reducing speed limits is one available avenue to meet this goal and, under the Motor Vehicle Act (MVA), municipalities have the authority to set and change speed limits on municipal roads as they deem appropriate. The purpose of this letter is to provide clarity about the options available to municipalities for enacting changes to speed limits.

Section 146 of the MVA establishes a “default” speed limit of 50 km/h on municipal roads unless a municipality provides otherwise by way of:

- a bylaw directing the rate of speed at which a person may drive or operate a motor vehicle on a highway in the municipality; and,
- signs that have been erected or placed limiting the rate of speed of motor vehicles driven or operated on a designated portion of the highway.

The MVA does not specify the frequency or placement of speed limit signage—it is not necessarily the case that a municipality establishing either a 30 or 40 km/h speed limit on roads within specific geographic areas in the community will need to post speed signs on every block. Communities should take into consideration a range of factors when considering the placement of signage to support enforcement of speeding offences. Local factors such as the road network in the area under consideration, as well as advice from legal counsel and police are all important considerations in making adjustments to speed limits on local roads.

There are a number of municipalities that have taken different approaches to lowering speed limits and we encourage communities to engage one another and share best practices. The City of Nelson is an example of a community with a long-standing blanket speed limit of 40 km/hr, which is enforced using perimeter signage at highway entry points into the community. For examples of local speed reduction pilots, the Cities of Vancouver and Surrey have each recently implemented projects using a combination of street markings, gateway and speed limit signs to inform drivers about new slow streets initiatives and the reduced speed limits of 30 or 40 km/hr as applicable on specific neighbourhood roads.

Division 23, Schedule 1, of the Motor Vehicle Act Regulations sets out signage standards, and local governments may apply for funding of signs through the Page 17 of 29 TRA-2023-31570

We look forward to learning of the approaches that communities take to lowering speeds and continuing to work together to expand networks of active transportation to meet the CleanBC goal of doubling trips taken by walking, biking and other kinds of active networks by the year 2030. Thank you for your commitment to road safety, and we hope the information above provides clarity around options available to municipalities for adopting changes to speed limits.

If you have questions about the authority under the Motor Vehicle Act for local governments to reduce speed limits along their local roads, please do not hesitate to contact the Senior Legislative Director for the Transportation Policy and Legislation Branch, Jeremy Wood. Mr. Wood can be reached at 778 698-5191 or Jeremy.Wood@gov.bc.ca and would be happy to help.

Sincerely,

Rob Fleming

Minister

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 Minister of State for Infrastructure
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Good afternoon Minister Fleming,

Please find attached correspondence from Mayor Haynes on behalf of Saanich Council with regards to *Motor Vehicle Act* Pilot Projects. Please disregard the previous email and attachment and replace with this new correspondence.

Kindly confirm receipt of this email.

Thank you.

Rachel Mattiuz

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Sent via email: Minister.Transportation@gov.bc.ca

December 13, 2021

The Honourable Rob Fleming, M.L.A.
Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure
PO Box 9055 Prov Stn Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Fleming:

Re: Status update request on the *Motor Vehicle Act* Pilot Project

Saanich remains committed to using all approaches to improve the safety of our streets. One important aspect of our work is reducing the speed limit on all 370 km of residential streets in Saanich to 30 km/h. This change is best completed through a blanket approach which requires updates to the Motor Vehicle Act (MVA) to initiate. The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure indicated Phase 2 of the MVA Part 13 Pilot Projects would be open in the Fall of 2021 and encouraged the District of Saanich to make an application for a 30 km/h pilot project for residential streets. Could you please provide a status update on opening the Phase 2 pilot project intake. I would appreciate hearing back from you so that I can inform Saanich Council and our residents.

We look forward to hearing from your office on the appropriate next steps to make this vision reality.

With appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. Haynes'.

Fred Haynes
Mayor

cc:
Saanich Council
Harley Machielse, Director of Engineering

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316182 - Municipal Speed Limits

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