

APRIL 9, 2025

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

REPORT NO. CW-025-2025

COUNTY ROAD 16 SPEED REDUCTION IN THE VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE

**BILL GUY,
INTERIM DIRECTOR, PUBLIC WORKS**

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT Committee of the Whole recommends reducing the speed limit from the posted 80 kilometers per hour on County Road 16 to 60 kilometers per hour, approximately 100 meters west of Read Street in the Village of Merrickville; and

THAT the necessary by-law be prepared.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The installation of new signage and posts as well as the ongoing inspection and maintenance of the same will be the Counties' responsibility. The cost will be charged to the 2025 operational budget.

CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

A reduction in speed will result in slightly lower vehicle emissions, contributing to a slight reduction in the overall carbon footprint.

ACCESSIBILITY CONSIDERATIONS

A speed reduction on County Road 16 will promote safer conditions for pedestrians. Lower speeds will allow drivers to be more aware of pedestrian activity and improve overall road safety through the community.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATIONS

The speed reduction will be communicated to the public through road signage updates along County Road 16. Communication with local law enforcement agencies will also be made to ensure compliance with the new speed limit.

New regulatory speed limit signs will be installed upon Council acceptance of recommendations.

BACKGROUND

A request was received from the Village of Merrickville-Wolford requesting a reduction in the posted speed on County Road 16 from 100 meters west of Read Street, eastward through to the intersection of County Road 16 and County Road 15 (St. Lawrence Street).

The current posted speed limit on County Road 16 is 80 km/h up to the intersection of County Road 16 and County Road 15. Reducing the speed limit will help drivers navigate safely through the community and accommodate Merrickville's population growth.

Staff have determined an 80 km/hour to 60 km/hour transition is a safer traverse through the community and does not compromise the function of the collector road.

DISCUSSION/ALTERNATIVES

Counties staff have reviewed the proposed request and believe that reducing the posted 80 km/hour speed limit through this segment of County Road 16 will help address road safety concerns.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Village of Merrickville-Wolford Resolution for County Road 16 Speed Reduction
2. Proposed Speed Limits Layout

The report set out above has been reviewed and the information verified by the individuals listed below.

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INTERIM DIRECTOR, PUBLIC WORKS

MARCH 20, 2025
DATE

ALISON TUTAK
INTERIM CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

APRIL 1, 2025
DATE