# COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - OCTOBER 1, 2001

## ST. ANDREWS CATHOLIC SCHOOL DESIGNATED 40 KM/HR SCHOOL SPEED ZONE

### **Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Development Services and Public Works recommends:

- 1. That Forest Fountain Drive be designated 40 km/hr school speed zone for a distance of 150 metres beyond the property line of St. Andrews Catholic School; and
- 2. That an administrative amendment be made to Consolidated Traffic By-Law N<sup>o</sup> 284-94 recognizing the new speed limits Section 9. (4), "Designation of a 40 km/hr School Speed Zone" for a distance of 150 metres beyond a school's property line on any abutting roadway, so that 40 km/hr signs may be installed at future school sites without the need for individual reports to Council.

## **Purpose**

To install 40 km/hr signs on the abutting roadway of St. Andrews Catholic School, and to amend the Consolidated Traffic By-law N<sup> $\circ$ </sup> 284-94 to allow the timely implementation of 40 km/hr speed limit zones at future school sites.

### **Background - Analysis and Options**

St. Andrews Catholic School is located on Forest Fountain Drive south of Sonoma Boulevard and opened in September 2001. In accordance with City practice, Forest Fountain Drive should be designated a 40 km/hr school speed zone for a distance of 150 metres beyond the school's property line.

Engineering Department Staff have received complaints from school officials and parents regarding the implementation of reduced speed zones in the vicinity of new schools. In the past, when advised by a school board that a new school is opening, Engineering Staff would proceed with a report to City Council recommending that the speed limit be reduced to 40 km/hr in the vicinity of a newly-opened school. Once the report had been approved by City Council the speed limit signs would be installed 4 to 6 weeks after the school had opened. Amendment of the Consolidated Traffic By-law will allow 40 km/hr speed limit signs to be in place prior to the start date of a particular school.

## **Conclusion**

Staff are requesting that 40 km/hr signs be installed on the abutting roadway at St. Andrews Catholic School, and that Council support the amended Consolidated Traffic By-law to include the designation of 40 km/hr school speed zones on the abutting roadway(s) of future school sites.

#### **Attachments**

1. Location Map

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