



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF AMHERSTBURG
OFFICE OF ENGINEERING & INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

Mission Statement: As stewards of the Town of Amherstburg, we strive to improve the quality of life of all residents through the delivery of effective, efficient, and affordable services.

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To: Mayor and Members of Town Council

Subject: Traffic Concerns – South Riverview/Concession 3 N/County Road 8

1. **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that:

1. The report from the Manager of Roads and Fleet dated January 10, 2025 regarding the Traffic Concerns for South Riverview, Concession 3 North and County Road 8 **BE RECEIVED**;
2. Administration **BE DIRECTED** to send a letter requesting that the County of Essex complete a Traffic Study for the intersection of County Road 8 and South Riverview to provide options to improve the safety for pedestrians.

2. **BACKGROUND:**

On December 16, 2024 Council directed Administration to BRING BACK a report to look into the possibility and feasibility of a Community Safety Zone at Concession 3 North by County Road 8 near the school. There were also concerns raised by St. Joseph Parish regarding safety concerns on County Road 8 and South Riverview.

3. **DISCUSSION:**

On January 7, 2025, Jeremy Krueger from the County of Essex, John Sutton and Don Petrozzi from St. Joseph Parish and members of Administration met onsite to review the concerns from the Parish's perspective. The following were concerns raised by Mr. Petrozzi:

1. Uncontrolled access from County Road 8 and South River View to the church parking lot on the north side of South Riverview. The school bus drivers are using the parking lot as a turn around and staging for St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School.
2. Request to lower speed limit on County Road 8 to 30 km/h. There was a misunderstanding in that the current warning signs are the posted speed limit.
3. Conflicts between traffic and parishioners crossing the road.

In addition, Mr. Petrozzi advised that Barry Horrobin, Director of Planning & Physical Resources for the Windsor Police Service had attended the church and has reviewed the safety and security of the St. Joseph Church area in the past.

Existing Conditions:

County Road 8

This road is a two-lane roadway commencing at County Road 3 and extending across the entire County of Essex. The section of County Road 8 being reviewed is from County Road 3 to approximately 275 metres east of Concession 3 North. This section of County Road 8 is 670 metres long which includes a curve and bridge over the River Canard. The land use is primarily residential and institutional with a church and elementary school. The speed limit reduces from 80km/h to 50km/h approximately 275 metres east of Concession 3 North. In addition, there is a Community Safety Zone sign near the speed limit reduction signs. There are two (2) warning signs that advise drivers of the curve in the road. The warning signs are accompanied with 30 km/h signage. The warning signs are advisement and regulatory signs. It should be noted, the County of Essex reduces the speed limit to 50 km/h.

The Clerk has recently found that sections of County Road 8 could be still owned by the Town of Amherstburg and the Town of LaSalle. Administration has reached out to the Town of LaSalle and the County of Essex to review the potential concerns of ownership of County Road 8 through the project area.

South Riverview

This road is a two-lane roadway commencing at County Road 8 and extends to Concession 2 North. The section of South Riverview being reviewed is from County Road 8 to approximately 250 metres west of County Road 8. South Riverview has a stop control sign at County Road 8. The speed limit is 50 km/h from Concession 2 North to County Road 8. The land use is residential through this section of road which includes a private parking lot, cemetery and St. Joseph Church.

Concession 3 North

This road is a two-lane roadway commencing at County Road 8 and extends to County Road 10. The section of Concession 3 North being reviewed is from County Road 8 to Beneteau Drive. Concession 3 North has a stop control sign at County Road 8. The speed limit is 50 km/h from County Road 8 to approximately 800 metres south of County

Road 8. The land use is residential through this section of road which includes the elementary school at the intersection of County Road 8.

Recommendations:

County of Essex:

Based on the review and concerns raised by representatives of St. Joseph's Parish, the County of Essex has agreed to complete the following items:

1. Install a 50 km/h sign and Community Safety Zone signs on County Road 8 just south of County Road 3 to improve information to the drivers on the posted speed limit.
2. Install flexible bollards along the church parking lot and County Road 8 to prevent the access from the intersection of County Road 8 and South Riverview.
3. Reconfigure the stop bar at South Riverview and County Road 8 to allow for installation of a painted crosswalk at the intersection. The painted crosswalk should eliminate the mid-block pedestrian crossing and make the pedestrians more visible at the intersection.

Town of Amherstburg:

The following are items that the Town should complete to assist the County of Essex and make the signage consistent for the area:

1. Install Community Safety Zone signs on Concession 3 North adjacent to school property and on South Riverview approximately 150 metres west of County Road 8.
2. Install additional 50 km/h signs on both Concession 3 North and South Riverview.
3. Make improvements to the sidewalk by installing accessible ramps and tactile plates at the proposed crossing installed by the County of Essex.

The signage and line painting will advise drivers that they are entering a safety zone, remind them of the expected speed limit and bring attention to potential of pedestrians crossing at the intersection.

Council could still consider requesting County of Essex to complete a traffic study to review and confirm the operation of the implement measures. The study may also recommend additional measures or improvements with the goal to make the intersection safer for drivers and pedestrians.

Windsor Police Service:

It was confirmed that Mr. Barry Horrobin, Director of Planning & Physical Resources for the Windsor Police Service, did attend St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School in

December of 2018 to complete a physical safety and security assessment of the elementary school building and surrounding property. Mr. Horrobin also completed a physical safety and security assessment for St. Joseph Church and its surrounding property in June of 2019. While both assessments identified building-specific recommendations for improving safety and security, there was also considerable focus on the safety impacts associated with the abutting roadway environment, which both the school and church rely upon considerably. Stakeholders from both the school and church identified the abutting roadways as a safety concern to Mr. Horrobin during his assessments. This was particularly applicable to the school, as their property access to/from the abutting roadways occurs on a more frequent basis than that for the church. For both assessments, considerable conversation took place with affected stakeholders such as school staff, parents, church staff and parishioners, and a member of the County's roads dept. A combination of how the roadway environment is used and by whom in this particular location, combined with the speed of observed passing traffic and its curved configuration in relation to driver sight lines, were identified as issues warranting additional thought and consideration of measures to elevate safety.

Windsor Police Service supports the initial plan being proposed here for improving the safety concerns raised by St. Joseph Parish, and the school stakeholders as well. Windsor Police Service also recommends signage and posted speed limits in the area be consistent from County and municipal roads to assist with enforcement.

4. RISK ANALYSIS:

The current risk is with the overall safety to pedestrians and parishioner in the intersection of County Road 8 and South Riverview. The implementation of signage and crosswalk will attempt to reduce the risk with the goal to improve the safety and visibility of pedestrians. The plan would be to review to ensure implemented measures are achieving the required outcomes.

The review through a Traffic Study would provide a further layer of risk protection and may produce further recommendations for County of Essex and Town of Amherstburg to consider for the improvements to the intersection of County Road 8 and South Riverview.

5. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

The installation of signs and improvements to the sidewalk will be covered through the Public Works Budget Centre. The cost of the signage and sidewalk work is approximately \$3,000. The remainder of the improvements and signage will be completed by the County of Essex. In addition, the Traffic Study would be the responsibility of the County of Essex to fund.

6. ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPACTS:

The additional signage and improvements will be added to the Town's Asset Management Plan and tracked for future maintenance and replacement. The impacts to the overall Asset Management Plan is minor.

7. CONSULTATIONS:

- Jeremy Krueger, County of Essex
- Don Petrozzi and John Sutton, St. Joseph Parish
- Barry Horrobin, Windsor Police Service
- Mark Beggs, Town of LaSalle

8. CORPORATE STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT:

Vision: Preserving our past while forging our future.

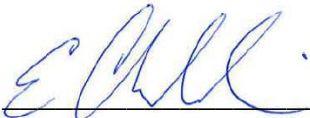
<i>Amherstburg Community Strategic Plan 2022 - 2026</i>	
<p style="text-align: center;">PILLAR 1 Deliver Trusted & Accountable Local Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Improve trust between council and staff, and residents, by strengthening governance and internal accountability structures. <input type="checkbox"/> Deliver transparent and efficient financial management. ✓ Increase effective communication and engagement with residents. <input type="checkbox"/> Develop our staff team, resources, and workplace culture. ✓ Continue to deliver strong core municipal services. ✓ Ensure Amherstburg is an inclusive accessible and welcoming community committed to reconciliation. 	<p style="text-align: center;">PILLAR 3 Encourage Local Economic Prosperity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Encourage development of commercial and industrial lands. <input type="checkbox"/> Continue to promote local tourism industry, especially overnight accommodation. <input type="checkbox"/> Continue to facilitate downtown development for residents and visitors. <input type="checkbox"/> Continue to leverage partnership opportunities with other provincial, federal, and local governments, agencies, and organizations.
<p style="text-align: center;">PILLAR 2 Invest in Community Amenities and Infrastructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Maintain safe, reliable and accessible municipal infrastructure and facilities. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase access to recreation opportunities for all ages. <input type="checkbox"/> Finalize and execute plans for town-owned lands (e.g. Duffy’s site, Belle Vue) <input type="checkbox"/> Create public access to water and waterfront <input type="checkbox"/> Prioritize opportunities to reduce environmental impacts of Town 	<p style="text-align: center;">PILLAR 4 Shape Growth Aligned with Local Identity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Define and communicate a vision for the Town’s future and identity. <input type="checkbox"/> Promote and plan for green and “climate change ready” development. <input type="checkbox"/> Review and implement policies that promote greater access to diverse housing. <input type="checkbox"/> Protect the Town’s historic sites and heritage.

operations and increase Town resilience to climate change.

Preserve the Town's greenspaces, agricultural lands, and natural environment.

9. CONCLUSION:

The County of Essex and the Town of Amherstburg to install signage, bollards and line painting to improve the safety and visibility of the pedestrian in the intersection of County Road 8 and South Riverview.



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Manager of Roads and Fleet

Report Approval Details

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