

# KING TOWNSHIP CORPORATE POLICY



## COMMUNITY SAFETY ZONE (CSZ) WARRANT CRITERIA

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COR-POL-159

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### 1 PURPOSE STATEMENT

1.1 This policy establishes the warrant criteria for the designation of Community Safety Zones (CSZs) along King Township roads.

### 2 POLICY OBJECTIVE

2.1 King Township is committed to continually enhancing the safety of our roadways for pedestrians, cyclists, and residents. Through a special designation under the [Highway Traffic Act](#) (HTA), a Community Safety Zone (CSZ) will indicate to motorists that they are within a zone where fines have been increased.

### 3 APPLICATION/SCOPE

3.1 This policy is applicable to all roadways owned and operated by King Township and will provide warrant criteria for the designation of CSZ locations.

### 4 DEFINITIONS

4.1 **Community Safety Zone (CSZ):** A provincially legislated designation for a section of roadway where public safety is of special concern to a community and is marked with community safety zone signs, allowing the doubling of fines associated with speeding.

4.2 **Warrant Criteria:** The criteria, created by the Township that is used to evaluate roads owned and operated by King Township for Community Safety Zone Designation.

### 5 WARRANT CRITERIA

#### 5.1 Warrant 1: Schools

5.1.1 All elementary and secondary school frontages along King Township roadways shall be designated as CSZs to help reduce aggressive driving and speeding in areas with a high concentration of school children.

#### 5.2 Warrant 2: Designated Areas of Special Concern

5.2.1 CSZs must only be implemented in locations of special concern. It is imperative motorists do not encounter such a wide-variety of CSZ's that they lose the impact of their special designation. Therefore, designated CSZ areas of special concern must only be implemented if all of the below criteria is met:

5.2.1.1 The proposed area is brought forward to the Township accompanied by a neighbourhood petition including a statement of

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concern and support from 65% of the residents living within the identified proposed area; and

5.2.1.2 The proposed area shall not have a posted speed limit greater than 40km/hr; and

5.2.1.3 The proposed area contains access to a Township owned park or a public trailhead with parking; and

5.2.1.4 There must be a realized safety risk to pedestrians (i.e., obstructed sight lines, narrow lane widths).

5.2.2 When a neighbourhood petition is received for an area that meets the above warrant criteria, the Township shall evaluate the validity of the request.

5.2.2.1 The evaluation may include additional studies or analysis including but not limited to a traffic study; collision analysis; overall risk analysis; and may consider the impacts to the neighbourhood or roadway. The Township may reject any request at its sole discretion.

## 6 REVIEW

6.1 Township staff shall conduct a review of CSZ's a minimum of every five (5) years to identify any new schools or areas of concern.

## 7 COMMUNICATION

7.1 A designated CSZ that meets the above criteria shall be marked with CSZ signs (RC-009), see Appendix A. The signs shall include the BEGINS and ENDS tabs which will define the legal limits of the zone, to motorists.

7.2 Signs shall be erected following guidelines set out in [OTM Book 5](#).

7.3 All CSZs shall be outlined within a corresponding By-Law.

7.4 The corresponding By-Law and any amendments shall be provided to the York Regional Police, by Clerks.

7.5 Once signs are erected, notification is to be provided to the York Regional Police, by Public Works.

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**8 RELATED DOCUMENTATION**

- 8.1 [ADM-POL-124 - Traffic Operations](#)
- 8.2 Appendix 'A' Community Safety Zone Sign Rc-009
- 8.3 [By-Law 2017-103, as amended](#)
- 8.4 By-law 2023-074 – Amending By-law
- 8.5 [Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8](#)

**9 APPROVAL AUTHORITY**

Director of Public Works _____ <b>Authority</b>	<b>Original Signed</b> _____ <b>Director of Public Works Samantha Fraser</b>	2023-09-26 _____ <b>Date</b>
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**\*Approval of this policy is delegated to the Director of Public Works as per the new business motion approved at the June 12, 2023, Council Meeting.**

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**Appendix “A”**

**Community Safe Zone Signs RC-009**

