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Speed Awareness Policy

Purpose:

The purpose of this Policy is to reduce speeding by motorists on the roadways in the Wards of Smith and Ennismore in the Township of Selwyn.

Scope:

This policy applies only to roadways in the Wards of Smith and Ennismore in the Township of Selwyn.

Objectives:

To establish a procedure by which to create speed awareness for motorists, and to collect speed behavior data to allow for targeted enforcement of speeding on the roadways in the Wards of Smith and Ennismore in the Township of Selwyn.

Applicable Legislation:

The law regarding speeding is found in Section 128 of the Highway Traffic Act of Ontario.

Procedures:

The review and implementation process for investigating a complaint about speeding on a township roadway, in the Wards of Smith and Ennismore, is as follows:

1. Speeding complaint submitted to the Smith-Ennismore Police Services Board Administrative Assistant.
2. Complaint is forwarded to the Smith-Ennismore Community Policing Volunteers, the O.P.P. and the Smith-Ennismore Police Services Board members by email so that data collection can take place prior to the next Police Services Board meeting.
3. Smith-Ennismore Community Policing Volunteers will visit the location (if possible) to collect vehicle speed data using the Radar Gun.

4. O.P.P. will review their files for collision history, and either send a directed patrol to collect vehicle speed data using a Radar Gun, or set up the Black Cat Radar Detection Device, when available, to gather data over a period of time. The data collected by the Black Cat device allows for time-specific directed patrols by the O.P.P., based on the data indicating at what time of day speeding is most likely to occur.
5. Board members may visit the roadway in person to gain a familiarity with the area of concern.
6. If necessary, the Manager of Public Works for the applicable road authority (Township, County, etc.) will be asked to provide any additional information about the roadway which might be of value to Board members, and to confirm with Public Works that the current Speed Limit is appropriate for the roadway. Any changes to the speed limit would require approval by Council.
7. The collected data will be provided to Board member at the next Police Services Board meeting and it will be determined if there is indeed a problem based on the statistics received.
8. If speeding is occurring on a Peterborough County road, the information gathered will be forwarded to the County Roads Department for their information and follow-up.
9. After the meeting the following will occur:

The O.P.P. will add the road to their list of directed patrols and charge speeders as necessary and to make their presence known.

The Smith-Ennismore Police Services Board will send a letter to the resident advising them of the outcome of the meeting and providing them with ROAD WATCH program information. ROAD WATCH is a program that provides citizens with a means to confidentially report aggressive driving behaviour to the O.P.P.