



THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF LAC DU BONNET POLICY & PROCEDURES

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1) PURPOSE

To establish a consistent, transparent and legally compliant process for evaluating and implementing requests to change speed limits on municipal roads within the Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet.

2) LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

This policy aligns with the following Manitoba legislation and regulations:

a) The Traffic and Transportation Modernization Act (TTMA):

Establishes the authority of municipalities to set speed limits on municipal roads through by-law and sets the default speed limit on such roads at 90 km/h unless otherwise posted.

b) The Highway Traffic Act (HTA):

Outlines general traffic rules in Manitoba, including the requirement for Ministerial approval for speed limits in areas designated as restricted speed zones.

c) Manitoba Regulation 14/2019 – Minister Declared Restricted Speed Areas:

Specifies roads and zones where the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure has set a speed limit (typically 50 km/h in urban/residential areas).

d) Manitoba Regulation 204/92 – Traffic Control Devices:

Sets standards for traffic control signage including those used for speed limits.



3) SCOPE

This policy applies to all municipal roads within the jurisdiction of the Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet.

4) DEFINITIONS

Speed Limit Change Request: A formal written request to increase or decrease the posted speed limit on a roadway.

Municipal Road: Any road under the jurisdiction of the RM of Lac du Bonnet.

MTI: Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure

Restricted Speed Area: A location where the Minister has set a speed limit by regulation (MR 14/2019)

Traffic Impact Review: A review may include traffic counts, sightlines, collision data, and roadway classification and enforcement input.

5) SPEED LIMITS ON MUNICIPAL ROADS

- 5.1 In accordance with the TTMA, the default speed limit on all municipal roads is 90km/hr unless:
- A municipal bylaw sets a different limit; or
 - The road is located within a “Restricted Speed Area” as declared by the Minister of Infrastructure under MR 14/2019, in which case the applicable speed is as prescribed by the regulation (commonly 50km/hr).
- 5.2 Speed limits in residential rural subdivisions shall be assessed by the Municipality. Where appropriate, a bylaw will be enacted to reduce the speed limit to reflect residential and pedestrian safety needs (e.g., 30 km/h). Signage will be installed as required.

6) SPEED LIMIT CHANGE REQUEST PROCESS

6.1 APPLICATION PROCESS

- Speed Limit Change Requests must be submitted to the RM Administration Office using the “Speed Limit Change Request Form” available on the RM of Lac du Bonnet website or at the RM Administration Office.



Requests must include:

- Roadway name and location
- Current posted speed limit
- Requested speed limit
- Reason for the request – justification or concerns
- Any observed concerns or incidents and supporting signatures.
- A valid petition must include signatures from at least 50% of property owners who have a dwelling unit fronting the speed limit change area. One signature per municipal roll number is permitted.

6.2 REVIEW PROCESS

Administration aims to process requests and provide a recommendation to Council within 30 days of receipt, subject to data availability and complexity of the request.

6.2.1 ADMINISTRATION REVIEW

a. Administration staff will acknowledge the request and review for completeness and review the petition for validity.

b. Administration will assess whether the request is for:

- i) A Municipal Road under local by-law authority, or;
- ii) A restricted speed zone under M.R. 14/2019, where the speed is set by the Minister
- iii) The request will be forwarded to Public Works for review. (Sections 6.2.2, Section 6.2.3 and 6.2.4)

6.2.2 Delegation to Council

The applicant may be requested to appear before Council as a delegation to provide additional information or respond to questions regarding the request.

6.2.3 PUBLIC WORKS REVIEW – Public Works Department will conduct a site visit and collect basic information such as:

- Existing speed signage
- Road conditions and geometry
- Adjacent land use



- Traffic volumes and sight lines

Public works will prepare a recommendation to the CAO based on their review and may recommend an engineering review.

6.2.4 ENGINEERING REVIEW – If determined necessary by Council, based on the recommendation from Public Works, the Municipality may conduct or contract a traffic engineering study. Engineering assessments should reference applicable standards such as the Transportation Association of Canada's "Canadian Guide to Traffic Calming" to ensure consistency and safety.

7.0 EVALUATION CRITERIA

Requests will be evaluated using the following considerations:

- Road classification (local, collector, arterial)
- Speed studies or traffic calming data, if available
- Sightlines and signage
- Adjacent land use – residential, parks or pedestrian areas
- Road geometry and condition
- Existing traffic volumes and speeds
- Safety and collision history
- Pedestrian and cyclist activity
- Public consultation and feedback

8.0 COUNCIL DECISION

- a) The CAO will present a final recommendation to Council summarizing:
 - Request details
 - Administration, public works and technical review results
 - Public Works and Administration recommendations
- b) Council may be resolution:
 - i) Approve an RM of Lac du Bonnet Speed Limit By-Law amendment (Section 9.0), or;
 - ii) Request further study or consultation, or;
 - iii) Decline the request.
- c) The Applicant will be notified in writing of Council's decision.



9.0 APPROVAL OF SPEED LIMIT CHANGE REQUEST - BY-LAW, SIGNAGE AND COMMUNICATION

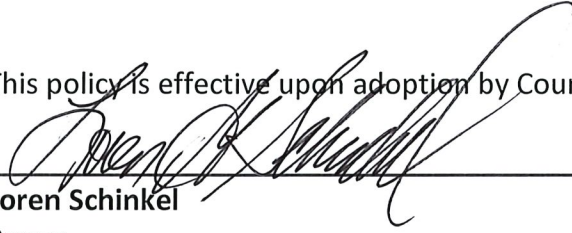
If a Speed Limit change is approved:

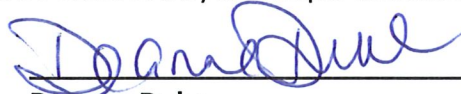
- a) A Speed Limit By-law amendment will be passed, and;
- b) Appropriate signage will be installed once Speed Limit By-law is adopted, and;
- c) Public Notice will be posted notifying the RM of Lac du Bonnet residents of the speed limit change through all municipal communication platforms, such as website, email blast, social media platforms and meeting minutes.

10.0 PROVINCIAL HIGHWAY SPEED LIMIT REQUESTS

- a) The Speed Limit Request will be reviewed by administration and presented to Council.
- b) If Council supports a speed limit change by resolution, the Municipality will submit a formal request to MTI for review and approval, as required by Provincial Highway Traffic Act by Resolution.
- c) MTI will review and respond to the Municipality.
- d) Administration will notify the applicant of the results.

This policy is effective upon adoption by Council and shall be enforced by municipal administration.


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BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet hereby adopts the Speed Limit Change Request Policy as presented.

Carried Unanimously