

	Title: Traffic Calming Policy	Policy No: CO-47
	Category: Council	Classification: n/a

1. Purpose:

To define guiding goals and principles regarding the installation and removal of traffic calming measures in neighborhoods. This policy replaces EN-32 Traffic Calming Criteria Policy.

2. Scope:

The Engineering Department regularly receives requests for the implementation and the removal of traffic calming measures in neighbourhood areas. This policy will guide the process for the review, implementation and removal of traffic calming measures.

3. Policy Statement:

- 1) Traffic calming will not be considered on arterial roads.
- 2) Traffic calming will not be considered on collector roads except where fronting elementary schools and parks.
- 3) Traffic calming requests may be considered on local roads or lanes at the discretion of the Director of Engineering subject to the criteria outlined in this Traffic Calming Procedure document.
- 4) Study area will depend on the location and extent of the traffic calming measures proposed and must include a review of adjacent roads that may be impacted by a shift of traffic.

4. Goals

The two primary goals of traffic calming are to:

- 1) Enhance safety by reducing the potential for and lessening the consequences of conflicts between road users, and
- 2) Preserve neighbourhood livability by reducing the negative impacts of short-cutting or speeding traffic.

Although the traffic issues in each neighbourhood are unique, the general objectives of traffic calming are to:

- 1) Reduce vehicle speeds.
- 2) Discourage short-cutting through residential streets and lanes by non-local traffic.
- 3) Reduce traffic volumes where they exceed what would typically be expected.
- 4) Minimize conflicts between street users.
- 5) Enhance the neighbourhood environment.

5. Principles

- Involve the community
- Identify and Quantify the problem

- Use Self Enforcing measures
- Target Automobiles only

6. Definitions:

Traffic Calming - The combination of mainly physical measurements that reduce the negative effects of motor vehicle use, alter driver behaviour, and improve conditions for non-motorized street users.

Affected Residents – An affected resident is a resident that lives on the street under study within the limits of the block or blocks being considered for traffic calming.

References

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