

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF YELLOWHEAD NO. 94
COUNCIL POLICY
ESTABLISHING SPEED ZONES**

Policy Statement

The Council of the Municipal District of Yellowhead recognize the need to establish speed zones in areas where there is a high density of residential development and a concern for safety of the travelling public and pedestrians.

Legislation

Municipal Government Act, RSA 1994, Part 3, Division 2, Section 18 (1). A Municipality has the direction, control and management of all roads within the Municipality.

Highway Traffic Act, Chapter H-7, Part 1, Section 14 (3) & (5).

- (3) With respect to highways subject to its direction, control and management, the Council of a Municipal District, County or Metis Settlement, by Bylaw may:
 - (a) prescribe a maximum speed in excess of 80 kilometers per hour for all or any part of a highway
 - (b) prescribe a maximum speed of less than 80 kilometers per hour for all or any part of a highway, and
 - (c) prescribe a maximum speed for all or any part of any highway designated in the Bylaw or prescribe different minimum speeds,
 - (i) for daytime and night time
 - (ii) for different periods of the year
 - (iii) for different traffic lanes on the same highway
- (5) A speed authority may prescribe
 - (a) different maximum speeds for different classes of vehicles, and
 - (b) different maximum speeds for daytime and night time

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Guidelines and Objectives

1. Speed Zones will be established by Bylaw.
2. Council will establish Speed Zones within all Hamlets in the Municipality. The maximum speed will be 50 km per hr.
3. Council may consider a change in Speed Limit that has been requested, in writing, by a resident or group of residents living in the Municipal District where there is a concern for safety of users of the roadway.
4. Requests for Speed Limit changes must be supported by the majority of landowners along the affected section of road.
5. Requests for Speed Zone changes will not be considered if the density of residences along the section of road is less than six residential properties per half mile of road.

Policy Procedures

1. Requests for Speed Limit changes must be in writing.
2. Requests must be submitted with the names, address and property land description of the people in favor of the Speed Limit change.
3. Administration will review the request to determine if it meets the guidelines in the Policy.
4. Administration will review the traffic count information on that section of road and may have another count done.
5. Administration will prepare an item for Council with a proposed Bylaw if the request meets the guidelines in the Policy.

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