

Report to Council

Report Title: George Street Speed Hump Request

Prepared By: Gregory Furtney, Director of Operations

Department: Operations

Date: July 14, 2020

Report Number: PW2020-19 **File Number:** C11PW

Attachments: None

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number PW2020-19 – George Street Speed Hump Request prepared by Gregg Furtney, Director of Operations, for information purposes, and in doing so directs staff to collect speeding data using the Black Cat Radar System when the construction on George Street has been completed.

Report:

Background:

Staff received a petition from George Street residents, Walkerton, on July 8, 2020. The petition itself has not been attached due to privacy concerns, but the topic and number of signatures has been summarized in this report. The purpose of the petition was to express concern about perceived speeding along George Street in Walkerton. The residents are concerned that speeding may become more frequent once the Orange Street townhouses are completed. Residents believe that George Street is currently being used as the main exit for the surrounding streets as it is an easier exit onto Durham Street East.

The petition contained 20 signatures from 13 residences. There are 14 residences on George Street and approximately 65 residences within William Street, Elm Street South, Orange Street, George Street, and Willow Street.

Due to a recent water main break on George Street on Monday July 6, 2020, some of George Street has been temporarily left in gravel. Road maintenance work will need to be completed sometime this year. The gravel surface may temporarily relieve the speeding issue at least until the road resurfacing can be completed.

Analysis:

There has been no measurable information gathered or assessed regarding speeding on George Street in Walkerton. Installing a traffic calming device may or may not be the appropriate solution.

Staff recommend that the Operations Department install the BlackCat Radar System on George Street at the next opportunity to collect some firsthand statistical data. That information would then be downloaded to the local OPP Detachment for their review and recommendations. That review should then be forwarded to the Brockton Police Services Board for their review and recommendations. If the Brockton Police Services Board recommends that a traffic calming device is a good option for George Street, then the Police Services Board can recommend that to Council for consideration. Because an additional traffic calming device is not currently in the Operations/Public Works Operating or Capital Budget, Council would then need to decide how to fund that purchase. In the meantime, staff will reach out and get quotes for traffic calming devices.

Sustainability Checklist:

What aspect of the Brockton Sustainable Strategic Plan does the content/recommendations in this report help advance?

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| • Do the recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision? | Yes |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Cultural Vibrancy? | N/A |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Prosperity? | N/A |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to Environmental Integrity? | N/A |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to the Social Equity? | Yes |

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective?
N/A

The costs associated with the installation of a traffic calming device, including the device and additional signage, are not included in the approved 2020 Operating Budget.

Reviewed By:



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

Respectfully Submitted by:



Gregg Furtney, Director of Operations

Reviewed By:



Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer