



The Corporation of the City of Stratford Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Committee

MINUTES

Date: Monday, February 9, 2026
Time: 9:40 P.M.
Location: Council Chamber, City Hall

Committee Present: Councillor Burbach - Chair Presiding, Councillor Nijjar - Vice Chair, Mayor Ritsma, Councillor Beatty, Councillor Biehn, Councillor Henderson, Councillor Hunter, Councillor McCabe, Councillor Sebben, Councillor Wordofa

Staff Present: André Morin - Chief Administrative Officer, Tatiana Dafoe - City Clerk, Audrey Pascual - Deputy Clerk, Taylor Crinklaw - Director of Infrastructure Services, Tim Wolfe - Director of Community Services, Adam Betteridge - Director of Building and Planning Services, Neil Anderson - Director of Emergency Services/Fire Chief, Karmen Krueger - Director of Corporate Services, Kim McElroy - Director of Social Services, Nathan Bottema - Manager of Engineering

Also Present: Media and Members of the Public

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the Meeting to Order.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

The *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* requires any member of Council declaring a pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof, where the interest of a member of Council has not been disclosed by reason of the member's absence

from the meeting, to disclose the interest at the first open meeting attended by the member of Council and otherwise comply with the *Act*.

Name, Item and General Nature of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest made by a Member at the February 9, 2026 Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Committee meeting.

3. Sub-committee Minutes

Sub-committee minutes were provided for background regarding the discussion held at the January 28, 2026, Sub-committee meeting.

4. Delegations

None scheduled.

5. Report of the Manager of Engineering

5.1 Neighbourhood Area Speed Limit Pilot Study (ITS26-001)

Staff Recommendation: THAT a pilot study for Area Speed Limit Signage be implemented in the area bounded by Huron Street to the south, Mornington Street to the east, O'Loane Avenue to the west, and the McCarthy Street to the north;

AND THAT Council direct staff to bring a subsequent report back to Council with the appropriate recommended Traffic and Parking By-Law amendments to reduce the speed limit in the pilot program area to 40km/h.

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Committee Discussion: The Manager of Engineering provided an overview of the staff report.

Members of the Committee and staff held a discussion regarding the following:

- there being concerns that changing the speeds alone will not improve driver behaviour without mitigating measures such as increased enforcement;
- Stratford Police Service being involved in the preliminary discussions and have committed to increasing their enforcement and presence in the area of the pilot study;
- the benefits of the pilot project;
- cameras being installed to collect data for the comparison of traffic speeds in the area before and after the study;
- there being a need to monitor and enforce the area during the study to make the signage more effective;
- this initiative being supported by Stratford Police Services as part of a commitment to Vision Zero; and
- there being studies which show that other types of traffic calming measures are more impactful.

Motion by Councillor McCabe

Seconded by Mayor Ritsma

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Carried

6. For the Information of Committee

6.1 Department Update

A copy of the update was posted to the City's website on the "Engineering Division" page.

6.2 Advisory Committee/Outside Board Minutes

There were no Advisory Committee/Outside Board minutes provided to Committee.

7. Adjournment

Motion by Councillor McCabe

Seconded by Councillor Nijjar

Committee Decision: THAT the Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Committee meeting adjourn.

Carried

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Meeting End Time: 9:57 P.M.