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Via Email: mayor@victoria.ca

March 25, 2021

Mayor and Council
City of Victoria
1 Centennial Square
Victoria, BC V8W 1P6

Dear Mayor Helps and Council,

Thank you for the parallel work you and your Council have undertaken on initiatives to apply to the Province for a *Motor Vehicle Act* (MVA) pilot project study exploring speed reductions on residential streets without a continuous yellow centerline. It has been a remarkable 2.5 year process to create the multi-municipality framework in preparation for the pilot project application.

As you may be aware, at the meeting on Monday, March 22, Saanich Council voted unanimously in support of the excellent report from Councillors Zac de Vries, Rebecca Mersereau, and Ned Taylor to amend our MVA pilot project application from 40 km/h to 30 km/h, resolving as follows:

1. *“That Council direct staff to amend Saanich’s application to reduce the default speed limit on streets without a continuous directional dividing line to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure for a pilot project under Part 13 of the Motor Vehicle Act, from the originally proposed speed reduction of 40 km/h to 30 km/h, and submit it when the application for Phase two opens.*
2. *That Council direct staff to bring back a formal resolution to participate in the pilot project at the appropriate time.*
3. *That the Mayor write on behalf of Council to CRD municipalities that have shown interest in speed reduction pilots, advising them of Saanich’s change in direction and that there are opportunities to participate in pilots at 30 km/h and 40 km/h in the region.”*

During the meeting and in advance, Council had the benefit of hearing from the Saanich community that they are keenly interested in exploring the improved livability experience on our residential roads that a 30 km/h pilot project would deliver over the current framework of a 40 km/h pilot project. Given the strong public appreciation of the very clear benefits demonstrated for livability, walking, cycling and the safety of residents when residential speeds are set at 30 km/h, this is the direction Saanich will now be taking for our application for the three year pilot project.

The purpose of this letter is to ask if you and your Council would consider a joint application to the Province with Saanich and any other interested municipalities in the CRD for a 30 km/h pilot project.

We believe that our region provides an ideal test-bed for a pilot project of this nature. Our municipalities include the characteristics realized across British Columbia, for example; rural, suburban, large and small urban areas, coastal towns, downtown cores, wooded and coastal areas. This is in addition to the daily arrival into our municipalities of considerable road traffic from our ferry terminals and airport.

We are also asking all those municipalities that previously agreed to join in the original 40 km/h regional pilot project (Central Saanich, Esquimalt, Oak Bay, North Saanich, and Sidney) if they would consider joining us in a 30 km/h pilot project.

Additionally, we have reconnected with the municipalities who were unable to join the 40 km/hr pilot (Colwood, Highlands, Langford, Metchosin, Sooke, and View Royal) to inquire about their interest in participation in a 30 km/h MVA pilot project.

As you can see, Saanich remains committed to working in partnership with all interested regional partners on speed limit reductions on our residential roads to improve our residents' livability experience and the safety of our streets. We continue to see immense value in a regional approach and we hope to see this initiative continue to be embraced across the region.

Minister Fleming of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure has been advised of our revised approach to the MVA pilot project.

A copy of the report is attached and the minutes of the March 22 Council meeting are available on our website at: <https://www.saanich.ca/EN/main/local-government/mayor-council/schedule-agendas-minutes.html>.

Sincerely,

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Fred Haynes
Mayor

Enclosures

cc: Saanich Council
Sharon Hvozdzanski, Director of Planning
Harley Machielse, Director of Engineering



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Mayor & Council
District of Central Saanich
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Dear Mayor Windsor & Council:

Thank you for the tremendous support of you and your Council in our joint initiative to apply to the Province for a *Motor Vehicle Act* (MVA) pilot project study exploring 40 km/h speeds on residential streets without a continuous yellow centerline. It has been a remarkable 2.5 year process to create the multi-municipality framework in preparation for the pilot project application. Working collaboratively with you and your Council has been greatly appreciated.

As you may be aware, at the meeting of Monday, March 22, Saanich Council voted unanimously in support of the excellent report from Councillors Zac de Vries, Rebecca Mersereau, and Ned Taylor to amend our MVA pilot project application from 40 km/h to 30 km/h, resolving as follows:

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During the meeting and in advance, Council had the benefit of hearing from the Saanich community that they are keenly interested in exploring the improved livability experience on our residential roads that a 30 km/h pilot project would deliver over the current framework of a 40 km/h pilot project. Given the strong public appreciation of the very clear benefits demonstrated for livability, walking, cycling and the safety of residents when residential speeds are set at 30 km/h, this is the direction Saanich will now be taking for our application to the three year pilot project.

The purpose of this letter is to ask if you and your Council are kindly able to reconsider your commitment to the 40 km/h pilot to that of a 30 km/h pilot. If so, and if affirmed by your Council, then we would be delighted to continue our partnership collaborate in the pilot study at 30 km/h. Should this not be agreeable, please allow me to express full appreciation of the tremendous collaboration on the current framework.

We believe that our region provides an ideal test-bed for pilot project of this nature. Our municipalities include the characteristics realized across British Columbia, for example; rural, suburban, large and small urban areas, coastal towns, downtown cores, wooded and coastal areas. This is in addition to the daily arrival into our municipalities of considerable road traffic from our ferry terminals and airport.

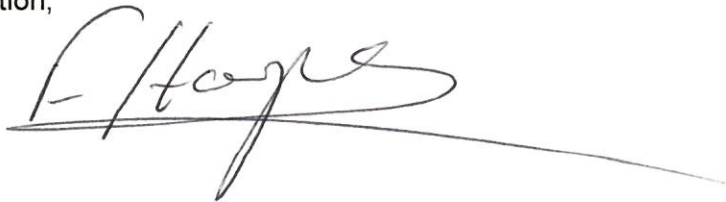
To rebuild a renewed regional municipal collective for the application at 30 km/h, we have reached out to the City of Victoria to explore their interest in participating in a joint application for a 30 km/h MVA pilot project. We are also asking all those municipalities that previously agreed to join in the original 40 km/h regional pilot project (Central Saanich, Esquimalt, Oak Bay, North Saanich, and Sidney) if they would consider joining us in a 30 km/h pilot project.

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Via Email: mayor@colwood.ca

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Mayor & Council
City of Colwood
3300 Wishart Road
Victoria, BC V9C 1R1

Dear Mayor Martin & Council:

As you know, Saanich has undertaken an initiative to apply to the Province for a *Motor Vehicle Act* (MVA) pilot project study exploring 40 km/h speeds on residential streets without a continuous yellow centerline. It has been a remarkable 2.5 year process to create the multi-municipality framework in preparation for the pilot project application. We understand your previous kind consideration and that you had declined. We would like to send you some current additional information.

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The purpose of this letter is to ask if you are kindly able to reconsider your interest in a pilot project, this time at 30 km/h. If so we would be delighted to collaborate in the pilot project at 30 km/h. Should this not be agreeable, please allow me to express our full appreciation your consideration.

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Additionally, we have written to all the municipalities who had previously declined (Colwood, Highlands, Langford, Metchosin, Sooke, and View Royal) to advise them of this change from 40 km/h to 30 km/h and to request if their councils will reconsider joining us in a 30 km/h pilot project.

As you can see, Saanich remains committed to working in partnership with all interested regional partners on speed limit reductions on our residential roads to improve our residents' livability experience and we continue to see immense value in a regional approach. We would be delighted to move forward with this partnership if you and your community feel the same.

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