

# Transportation Services Update #3

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### Purpose:

To update Council on some of E.S.'s innovative transportation initiatives in 2016:

- a) Water Street Refuge Island
- b) Visibility Improvement at Intersections Campaign
- c) In-road Bollards Pilot Project
- d) Boulevard Lawn Sign Program
- e) Solar Pole-Mount Radar Boards Pilot Project
- f) Downtown Parking Expansion Fairy Lake

## Water Street Refuge Island





September 22,

The Water Street Refuge Island is proceeding ahead of schedule and is expected to be completed by the end of September.

### **Visibility Improvement at Intersections Campaign**



### Purpose:

To provide better visual contrast for motorists to see pedestrians crossing at intersections.



Srigley and Alexander intersection ladder markings.

The ladder markings are on all three or four legs of the intersection.



### **Visibility Improvement at Intersections Campaign**



Locations were chosen based on a combination of traffic and pedestrian volumes.

Intersections also need to have proper boulevard treatments (e.g.: sidewalks, proper sidewalk apron and curb depressions).

The program runs for 4 years starting in 2016:

- The first 3 years will see one intersection per Ward being added annually;
- The 4<sup>th</sup> year will allow for any additional locations identified to complete the program.

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#### **Visibility Improvement at Intersections Campaign**

The list below shows the current two-year plan. Ladder markings at all intersections for 2016 have been completed. The proposed locations for 2017 are subject to field verification.

2016: 2017:

Stonehaven/Kingsmere Kingsmere/Ivsbridge

Srigley/Alexander Srigley/Carlson

Huron Height/Wayne Waratah/Elgin

Stiver/Bristol Main/London

Queen/Main Eagle/Sandford

Doubletree/Jordanray Savage/Sandford

Woodspring/Aspenwood Bonshaw/Coach Whip

## **In-Road Bollards Pilot Project**





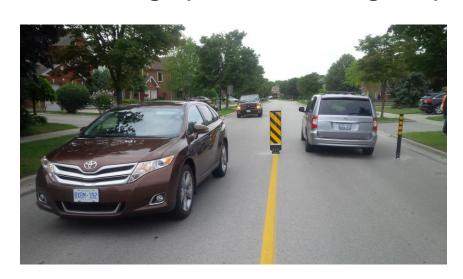
#### **INNOVATIVE** Newmarket project

#### **Effect similar to speed humps**

#### Three locations:

- Ivsbridge (east of Kingsmere)
- 2. Savage (west of Sandford)
- 3. Savage (south of Armitage PS)

The three locations chosen represent different road characteristics.



## **In-Road Bollards Pilot Project**



The purpose of this pilot program is to:

- 1. Test an alternative method of slowing vehicles on Town roads (other than speed humps)
- 2. Test bollard design for potential use with the East-West Bicycle Route and other applications

## **Boulevard Lawn Signs**



The Town of Newmarket is a leader/innovator in this area. Newmarket Many other municipalities are following our lead and asking for advice.

Councillors and residents can request signs, and Engineering Services will install and monitor them and will retrieve them after a month or so to avoid sign fatigue. Only 100 were produced in 2016, so sign placement is generally restricted to collectors and higher volume local roads.

Boulevard Lawns Signs are also placed in tandem with the speed management trailers and pole-mount radar boards; they are left in place for a few weeks after the speed monitoring devices have been removed.



## **Solar Pole-Mount Radar Boards – Pilot Project**





Solar Pole-Mount on Srigley Street

A pilot project involving solar powered pole-mount radar boards will determine the performance and effectiveness of these new devices. Information Report ES 2016-41 provides more details.



## Solar Pole-mount Radar Boards – Pilot Project

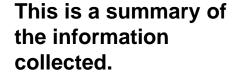


#### **Overall Summary**

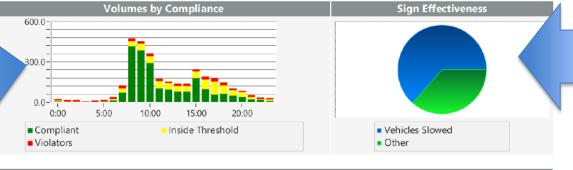
Total Days of Data: 1 Speed Limit: 40 Average Speed: 32.10 50th Percentile Speed: 33.54 85th Percentile Speed: 42.29 Pace Speed Range: 31 to 41 Minimum Speed: 5 Maximum Speed: 80

Display Status: Displayed Vehicle Speeds Average Volume per Day: 3102.0

Total Volume: 3102



"Sign Effectiveness" shows the percentage of cars that slowed down as a result of the presence of the sign. The longer the sign is in place, the lower the percentage becomes. The test here is to see if there is a particularly duration that is optimum.

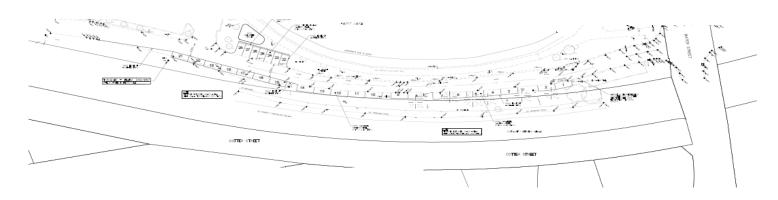




Speed violators (i.e. those above the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile) in the Volume by Compliance chart are shown in RED. Note that almost 100% of motorists driving between 1am and 5 am were speed violators.

## **Downtown Parking Expansion – Fairy Lake**





- Originally 34 new spaces (all perpendicular)
- New design is for 28 spaces (21 parallel & 7 perpendicular)
- Cost to install will be approximately \$3,900 per space (total of \$110K)
- Start & completion dates are subject to Hometown Hockey event of October 15; dates also dependent on acquiring all permits and on weather.





