

Adopted by Council at its meeting held November 2, 2015 [M442-2015]  
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Windsor, Ontario November 2, 2015

**REPORT NO. 298** of the  
**ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC SAFETY**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE**  
of its meeting held August 26, 2015

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**Present:** Councillor Fred Francis  
Councillor Chris Holt  
Councillor Hilary Payne (Vice Chair)  
Councillor Paul Borrelli

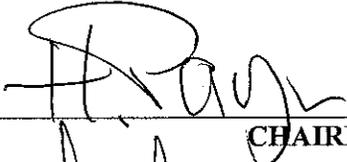
**Regrets:** Councillor Bill Marra

That the following recommendations of the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee **BE APPROVED:**

Moved by Councillor Borrelli, seconded by Councillor Holt,  
That the request for Traffic Calming on Victoria Avenue **BE REFERRED** to the forthcoming revised Traffic Calming Policy once adopted by Council.  
Carried.

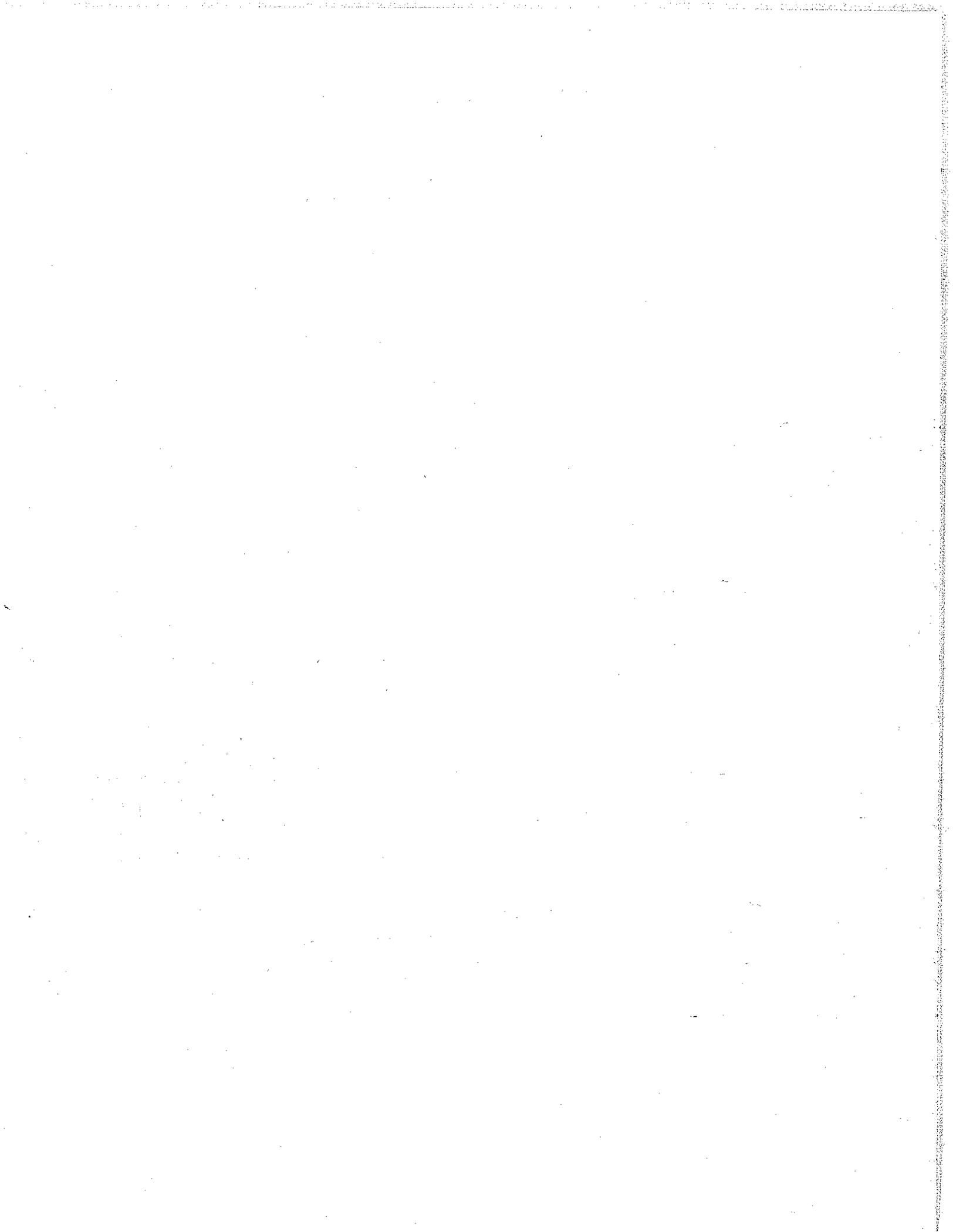
Livelihood #17851, ACO/11248

Clerk's Note: The administrative report authored by the Policy Analyst dated July 14, 2015 entitled "*Response to M62-2014 – Request for Traffic Calming on Victoria Avenue south of Tecumseh Road*" is attached as background information.

  
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CHAIRPERSON

  
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SUPERVISOR OF COUNCIL SERVICES

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NAME	CONTACT INFORMATION



**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WINDSOR**  
**Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee -**  
**Admin Report - Environment Transportation**

**MISSION STATEMENT:**

*"Our City is built on relationships – between citizens and their government, businesses and public institutions, city and region – all interconnected, mutually supportive, and focused on the brightest future we can create together."*

LiveLink REPORT #: 17851 ACO/11248	Report Date: July 14, 2015 PW#5008-8/12/15jbm
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**To:** Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee

**Subject:** Response to M62-2014 – Request for Traffic Calming on Victoria Avenue south of Tecumseh Road

**1. RECOMMENDATION:** City Wide: \_\_\_\_\_ Ward(s): 3

That the request for Traffic Calming on Victoria Avenue **BE REFERRED** to the forthcoming revised Traffic Calming Policy once adopted by Council.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

N/A

**2. BACKGROUND:**

At its meeting of January 20, 2014, City Council adopted M62-2014, reading

*"That the Petition presented by Councillor Valentinis from the residential neighbourhood on Victoria Ave, south of Tecumseh Road, regarding traffic calming measures **BE RECEIVED** by the Clerk and the Clerk **BE DIRECTED** to forward the petition to the City Engineer for the purpose of an examination of the requested works or undertakings; and further that a report **BE PROVIDED** consistent with the direction provided."*

Specifically, the petition stated the following:

- "Whereas excessive traffic volumes and speeds are a serious concern for the safety of our children in the residential neighbourhood on Victoria Ave., south of Tecumseh Rd., we the undersigned petition the Council of the City of Windsor as follows:
- We strongly request that traffic calming measures are put in place on this stretch of Victoria Avenue.
- We feel that the best short term solution is to install speed bumps down Victoria Ave., particularly the block between Tecumseh and Wear St.
- This area is continuously being used as a short cut in both North and South directions to avoid the traffic light at Dougall & Tecumseh intersection. This activity is even more

excessive during morning and evening rush hours, when children are out playing, and when trains create a back log of traffic up Dougall.

- If this solution does not adequately control the volume and speed of traffic, we will likely pursue a street closure request.

Council previously adopted CR49/2013 authorizing the contracting of Opus International Consultants (Canada) Limited to revise the City's Traffic Calming Policy. The revised policy is being presented as part of a separate report.

### **3. DISCUSSION:**

Victoria Road south of Tecumseh Road East is a residential boulevard which terminates 2 blocks southerly at Jackson Street. The boulevard is comprised of two lanes, each of which is 5.8m wide.

Given the residential nature of Victoria Avenue and its relatively short length, regular collection of data is not collected at this location; however a previous request for service was received in 2013. Both automatic traffic recorder (ATR) and radar trailer were deployed.

The radar trailer findings were that the average speed was 26 km/h and the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed is 36km/h. The ATR noted a slightly higher average speed of 30km/h. The posted speed limit is 50km/h. The highest volume of northbound vehicles reported was 614 over a 24 hour period, while the highest southbound volume was 310. Speeds are generally considered to be excessive when the 85th percentile speed is in excess of 10km/h over the speed limit. Volumes on local roads are deemed to be excessive under the existing Traffic Calming policy when they exceed a threshold of 3000 daily vehicles. (Under the proposed new Traffic Calming Policy, this threshold would be 1000 daily vehicles.) Based on these measures, Administration cannot agree with the characterization of excessive speeds and volumes on this street.

To ensure an appropriate and complete consideration of circumstances at this location, Transportation Planning recommends further referral to the revised Traffic Calming policy, should it be adopted by Council, in order to more fully determine warrants and to recommend solutions that will fully consider neighbourhood-wide impacts. This referral would also ensure that collection of further data can be undertaken to complement studies already completed if deemed required.

Adherence to the Traffic Calming policy ensures that a city-wide, consistent approach is used and refers projects to Council for appropriate prioritization based on a technical score. The outcome will be communicated in a manner consistent with the adopted policy. Subject to Council's approval, the timing for initiating this study and other traffic calming investigations can be set, including respective Public Information Centres.

### **4. RISK ANALYSIS:**

The following risks are expected to the Corporation as a result of the recommendation:

- **Resource Risk:** Referral to the Traffic Calming program will ensure that municipal resource demands are consistent with Council's Policy direction.

- **Cross Corporate Impact Risk:** Referral to the Traffic Calming program ensures that reactive demands on municipal resources including enforcement and traffic staff will be minimized as much as possible.
- **Community Impact Risk:** Full study and public hearing of community impacts associated with prospective actions taken to improve the situation is achieved.
- **Financial Risk:** It is understood that introduction of a traffic calming plan could generate a new project wherein a financial commitment would be required.

**5. FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

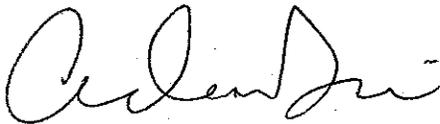
There are no immediate financial considerations for Council. If the recommendation is adopted, the project will be reviewed in accordance with the newly adopted Policy.

**6. CONSULTATIONS:**

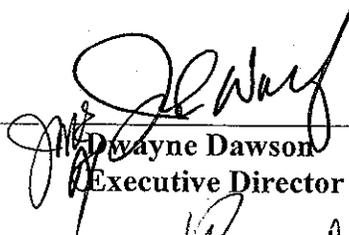
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**7. CONCLUSION:**

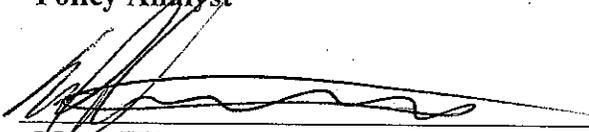
Administration recommends that this neighbourhood request be referred to the Traffic Calming Policy once revisions are adopted by Council. The outcome will be communicated in a manner consistent with the adopted policy.



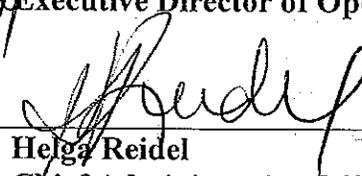
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Chief Administrative Officer

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**APPENDIX: Petition from Residents of Victoria Avenue south of Tecumseh Road West**

**DEPARTMENTS/OTHERS CONSULTED:**

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Phone #: 519 ext.

**NOTIFICATION :**

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## Appendix: Petition



### THE CITY OF WINDSOR

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### NOTICE OF COUNCIL DECISION

Windsor City Council adopted the following resolution at its meeting held January 20, 2014:

Moved by Councillor Valentinis, seconded by Councillor Dilken,  
M62-2014 That the petition presented by Councillor Valentinis from the residential  
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Carried.

ACO/11248

*Steve Vlachodimos*

Deputy City Clerk/Senior Manager of Council Services  
February 3, 2014

/s/

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CCL Valentis ✓  
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Name (print in full)	Address	Signature
Gail Eldracher	2122 Victoria	Gail Eldracher
Hazel Krause	2122 Victoria	Hazel Krause
Karen Macdonald	2152 Victoria	K Macdonald
Mary Lou Orlatto	2152 Victoria	MLO
Shannon Cheskerfeld	2158 Victoria	S Cheskerfeld
Al Hatchkiss	2168 Victoria	A Hatchkiss
David Greenaway	2190 Victoria	D Greenaway
JENNIFER SMITH	2202 VICTORIA	J Smith
Dave Talby	2202 Victoria	D Talby
Kendall Woodfield	2208 Victoria	K Woodfield
Marie Zawol	2228 Victoria	Marie Zawol
MARY BRYAN	2234 VICTORIA AVE	M. Bryan
ROBRYAN	2234 VICTORIA	RO Bryan
V. Artzalis	2168 Victoria	V Artzalis

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Joan Talmie	8248 Victoria	Joan Talmie
Jackson Wong	2255 Victoria	Jackson Wong
Stephanie Batic	2292 Victoria	Stephanie Batic
JASON BAY	2293 PELISSIER	Jason Bay
Lou VALONTE	2281 PELISSIER	Lou Valonte
MIKE DEFRANZE	2274 PELISSIER	Mike DeFranze
DONNA PETORAN	2269 PELISSIER	Donna Petoran
Irish McLaughlin	2265 Pelissier	Irish McLaughlin
Lisa Nicholson	2227 Pelissier	Lisa Nicholson
LINDA JANOSIK	2221 PELISSIER	L. Janosik
Joanna Paschin	2215 Pelissier	Joanna Paschin
ALEX MIKLOSI	2211 PELISSIER	Alex Miklosi
Chloe Gillford	2197 Pelissier	Chloe Gillford
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