



The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh

Policy Manual

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Subject:	School Safety Zone

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this policy is to establish regulations for School Safety Zones (SSZ) in the Town of Tecumseh.
- 1.2 This policy shall provide a transparent and consistent process for Public Works & Engineering Services (PWES) staff to implement SSZs on municipal roads under the jurisdiction of the Town of Tecumseh.

2.0 Scope

- 2.1 The SSZ Policy applies to all Schools within the Town of Tecumseh.

3.0 Authority

- 3.1 Decision-making authority for the SSZ Policy shall be delegated to the Director, Public Works & Engineering Services (PWES).

4.0 Governing Regulations

4.1 This Policy is prepared in accordance with the following:

- *Ontario Highway Traffic Act* (HTA);
- *Ontario Highway Traffic Amendment Act*, Bill 90, (School Safety Zones);
- The Ontario Traffic Manual (OTM) Books:
 - Book 5: Regulatory Signs
 - Book 6: Warning Signs
 - Book 11: Pavement, Hazard and Delineation Markings
 - Book 12: Traffic Signals
 - Book 15: Pedestrian Crossing Treatments
- Transportation Association of Canada – School and Playground Areas and Zones: Guidelines for Application and Implementation (TAC SPAZ); and
- *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act* (AODA)
- Tecumseh Transportation Master Plan
- Other legislation, regulations, plans and guidance, as deemed to be relevant by the Director, PWES.

5.0 Related Documents

5.1 Implementation of the SSZ Policy will be in conjunction with the following policies:

- Community Safety Zone Policy 123;
- Controlled Pedestrian Crossing Policy 124;
- Speed Management and Traffic Calming Policy 126.

6.0 Definitions

6.1 School Safety Zone means the area within which extra safety measures shall apply to protect pedestrians and specifically, the extent of a school safety zone shall include the portions along the municipal road beyond the limits of the land used for the school's purpose in all directions for a minimum of 150 meters, in accordance with the HTA. An extended zone may be implemented

by By-law, as approved by the Director, PWES based on specific site conditions.

7.0 Key Principles

- 7.1 The Town of Tecumseh exercises its right to establish SSZs throughout the municipality by By-law.
- 7.2 The SSZ Policy focuses on enhancing safety in the vicinity of all schools for all users at all times and accordingly, all schools within the Town have designated School Zones regardless of the warrants presented in the TAC SPAZ.
- 7.3 At a minimum, the designated SSZs start/end within 150 meters along the municipal roadway in either direction beyond the school property limits and may extend further, by By-law, at the discretion of the Director, PWES.
- 7.4 Within the designated SSZs a lower speed limit of 40km/hr will apply at all times, on all days.
- 7.5 Controls and enhancements within SSZs shall be AODA compliant.

8.0 Procedure

- 8.1 For SSZs in the Town, the following rules and procedures apply:
 - 8.1.1 All SSZs shall have a reduced speed limit of 40 km/hour, 24 hours/day, 7 days/week unless that represents a reduction of more than 20 km/hour, in which case the Director, PWES will provide direction.
 - 8.1.2 At a minimum, there will be a sidewalk or trail on one side of the road within the SSZ. Based on a site-by-site review, the Director, PWES shall determine the viability for expansion of pedestrian facilities.
 - 8.1.3 A review of existing sidewalks and sidewalk ramps in all SSZs shall be undertaken to determine if enhancements are required. Sidewalk ramps at all corners within the SSZ shall be AODA compliant.
 - 8.1.4 All pedestrian crossings within the SSZs shall have Ladder Crosswalk pavement markings in accordance with Figure 12 of OTM Book 15, as shown in Figure 1 - Ladder Crosswalk Pavement Markings.
 - 8.1.5 Streetlighting within the SSZs shall conform with ANSI/IES RP-8-22 Recommended Practice: Lighting Roadway and Parking Facilities and the

Transportation Association of Canada TAC Guide for Design of Roadway Lighting.

- 8.1.6 The use of appropriate signage delineating the SSZs shall be installed following the Ontario Traffic Manual, Books 5 and 6. All road crossing locations within the SSZ shall have, at minimum, those demonstrated in Figure 2 - Signing Plan for School Zone.
 - 8.1.6.1 SSZ warning signs (WC-1) shall be installed to denote the start and end of the SSZ located at 150 meters along the highway, in all applicable directions, beyond the property limits;
 - 8.1.6.2 SSZ maximum speed signs (RB-6) displaying the reduced speed limit of 40 km/hour;
 - 8.1.6.3 The words 'School Zone' in retroreflective white marking in the size indicated in Figure 52 in Book 11 of the OTM, at the beginning of the SSZ on arterial and collector roads, and in additional locations within the zone as deemed necessary by the Director, PWES, and;
 - 8.1.6.4 Rb-1 Maximum Speed Sign shall be installed after the end of the SSZ designation to denote the reinstatement of the original speed limit, or at a further location as deemed appropriate by the Director PWES and based on specific site conditions.
- 8.1.7 SSZ locations shall be assessed in accordance with the Town of Tecumseh Speed Management and Traffic Calming Policy 126 to determine if any enhancements are warranted.
- 8.1.8 Uncontrolled (no signal or stop sign) crossing locations within the SSZ shall be assessed in accordance with the Town of Tecumseh Controlled Pedestrian Crossing Policy 124 to determine if further enhancements are warranted.
- 8.2 Recommended works in support of enhancements identified through the application of Section 8.1 shall be included as part of the annual PWES Capital Works Plan for the following calendar year(s).

9.0 Administration & Review

- 9.1 Policy 125 shall be administered by the Department of Public Works & Engineering Services and subject to periodic review, at the direction of the Director, PWES.

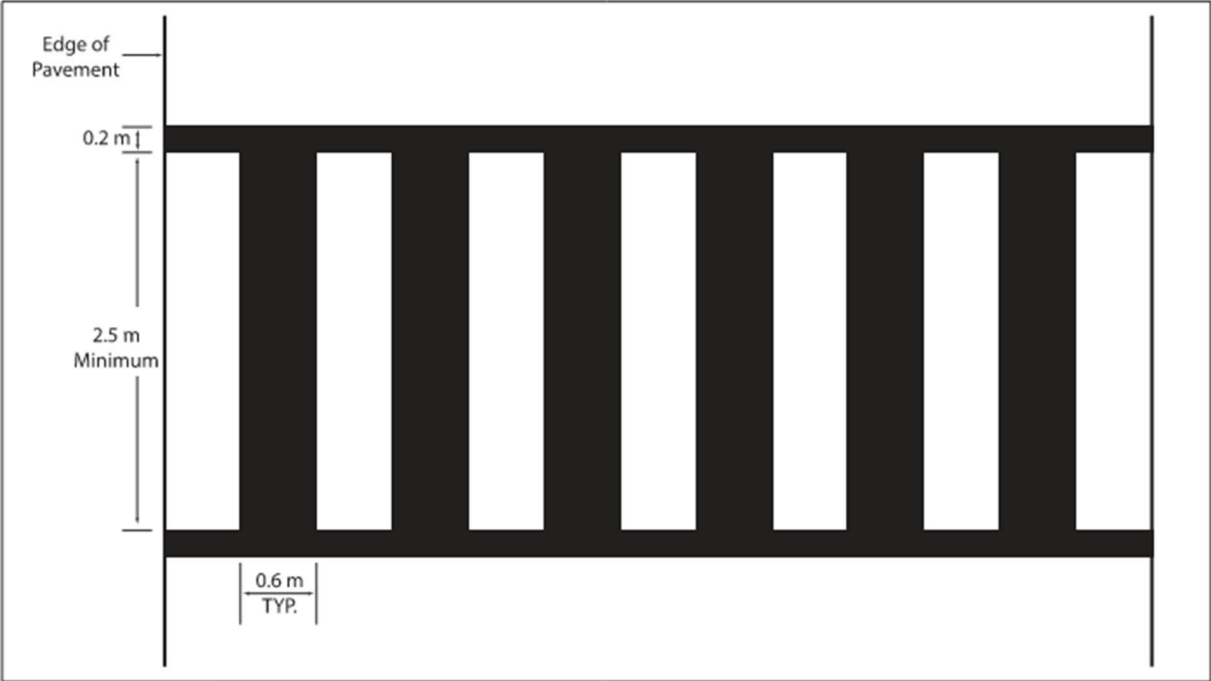


Figure 1 - Ladder Crosswalk Pavement Markings

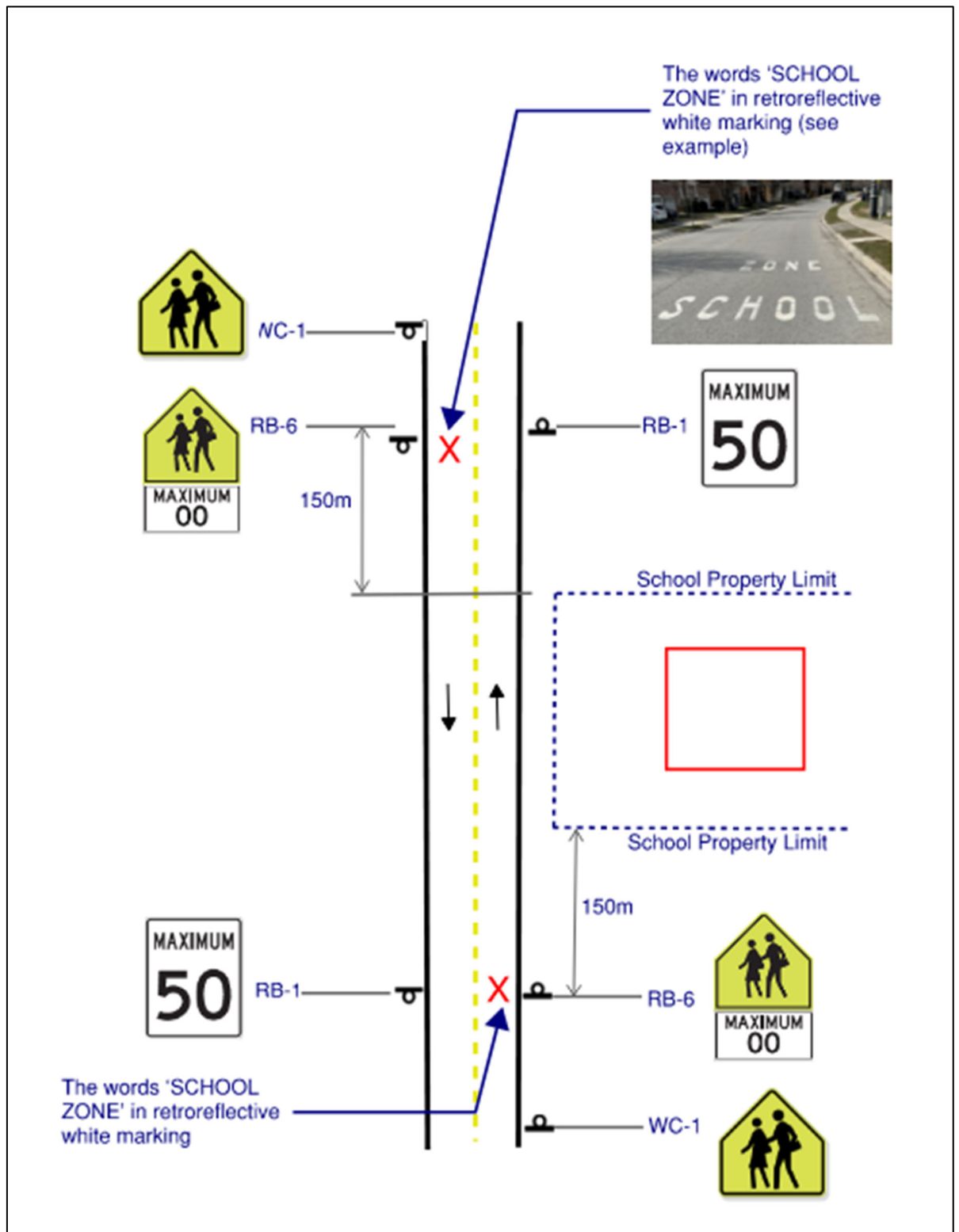


Figure 2 - Signing Plan for School Zone