



## CITY OF LANGLEY

### MOTION

#### Reducing Local Street Speed Limits - Councillor White

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WHEREAS reducing vehicle speeds from 50 km/h to 30 km/h improves stopping distance and reaction time, significantly lowering the risk of collisions and the severity of injuries;<sup>1</sup> and

WHEREAS lower speed limits on local streets enhance public safety, reduce noise and emissions, and while encouraging walking, cycling, and other active travel — support healthier, more connected, and livable neighbourhoods, consistent with the City of Langley’s Transportation 2050 Master Plan;<sup>2</sup> and

WHEREAS over 60 municipalities in British Columbia have adopted or are considering 30 km/h limits for residential streets, and recent surveys show strong public support (≈ 66%) for lower speed limits, including among Metro Vancouver residents;<sup>3, 4</sup>

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT that Council direct City of Langley staff to prepare a report exploring the reduction of local street speed limits, providing Council with sufficient information and context to make a well-informed decision.

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#### Sources:

1. Impact of speed on stopping distance and injury severity:

<https://www.ite.org/technical-resources/topics/speed-management-for-safety/speed-as-a-safety-problem/>

2. Transportation 2050 Master Plan - City of Langley: <https://www.langleycity.ca/city-hall/reports-plans-strategies/transportation-2050>

3. BC Municipal Speed Limit Initiatives: <https://www.ubcm.ca/convention-resolutions/resolutions/resolutions-database/safer-slower-streets-30-kmh-residential#:~:text=The%20Ministry%20is%20not%20planning,Endorsed%20as%20Amended> (Resolution B3)

4. Public support for lower speed limits:

[https://www.translink.ca/-/media/translink/documents/plans-and-projects/bus-projects/bus-speed-and-reliability/transit\\_priority\\_toolkit.pdf](https://www.translink.ca/-/media/translink/documents/plans-and-projects/bus-projects/bus-speed-and-reliability/transit_priority_toolkit.pdf)

*“There is growing public support for lowering speed limits to improve safety and livability, particularly in areas with high pedestrian activity and transit use.”*

— TransLink, Transit Priority Toolkit, August 2021 [Transit Priority Toolkit \(PDF\)](#)