Recommendation

1. That Report TR-CW-29-18 regarding a “No Passing Zone” on Grey Road 18 from Rockford to Mennonite Corners be received.

Executive Summary

The Township of Georgian Bluffs Police Services Board is requesting that Grey Road 18 between Rockford and Mennonite Corners be made a “No Passing Zone”. The section of Grey Road 18 between Rockford and Mennonite Corners does not meet the Ontario Traffic Manual criteria for signage in addition to the existing pavement markings.

Background and Discussion

Grey Road 18 between Rockford and Mennonite Corners is 5.1 kilometres in length, with the majority posted at a regulatory speed of 80 kilometres per hour, with the exception of the approach to the intersection at Rockford, which is posted at 60 kilometres per hour.

The following excerpt from the Police Services Board 2018-009 meeting preempted the attached motion:

Grey Road 18 – No Passing Zone

Mayor Barfoot noted that he had been approached by ratepayers regarding this area from Rockford to Mennonite Corners. There have been complaints regarding the number of people that are passing in this area.
According to the Ontario Traffic Manual Book 5 Regulatory Signs, typically pavement markings are sufficient to handle no-passing zones in conventional situations, such as the following:

- Travelling uphill;
- Around curves or bends; or
- Environments with poor visibility, e.g., in tunnels and under bridges.

The current pavement markings address the above noted situations.

Under the Ontario Traffic Manual Book 5 Regulatory Signs, there are exceptional situations, for which the “DO NOT PASS” sign may be used in addition to pavement markings. Examples include:

- Construction zones where overtaking is hazardous; or
- No passing zones where collision statistics have established that the pavement markings are not being obeyed.

The section of Grey Road 18 between Rockford and Mennonite Corners does not meet the criteria for either one of these situations. It is not a construction zone and as per the attached, collision statistics do not suggest collisions occurring as a result of improper passing.

In order to retain the public credibility of all traffic control devices, unnecessary restrictions should be avoided. The installation of ‘Do Not Pass’ signs on this section of road have no warrant under the Highway Traffic Act or the Ontario Traffic Manual. Ultimately, there is no technical merit or criteria met for the proposed “No Passing Zone”.

Currently, 73% of the section is painted as double solid to dissuade passing.

**Legal and Legislated Requirements**

Under Section 149 of the Highway Traffic Act, passing is only illegal in the following situations (regardless of pavement markings):

*Driving to left of centre prohibited under certain conditions*

149 (1) No vehicle shall be driven or operated to the left of the centre of a roadway designed for one or more lines of traffic in each direction,

(a) when approaching the crest of a grade or upon a curve in the roadway or within 30 metres of a bridge, viaduct or tunnel where the driver’s view is obstructed within that distance so as to create a potential hazard in the event another vehicle might approach from the opposite direction; or

(b) when approaching within 30 metres of a level railway crossing. R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8, s. 149 (1).
Exception

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply,

(a) on a highway divided into clearly marked lanes where there are more such lanes for traffic in one direction than in the other direction;

(b) to a road service vehicle where precautions are taken to eliminate the hazard; or

(c) on a highway while it is designated for the use of one-way traffic. R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8, s. 149 (2).

To be noted, in Ontario, pavement markings alone have no regulatory function. Pavement markings may be used to provide regulatory information to the road user, but associated signage must be in place as outlined in Ontario Traffic Manual Book 5 Regulatory Signs.

Financial and Resource Implications

No criteria exist for sign spacing in this unusual situation, and therefore number of signs required is not standardized. It could be assumed that “Do Not Pass” signs would be installed at 1 kilometre spacing and therefore 10 to 12 signs would be required to cover off both directions, and an additional two “Passing Permitted” signs required to indicate passing is once again permitted to the east of Rockford and west of Mennonite Corners. The fabrication and installation of the 14 signs would cost approximately $2,800.00.

The existing pavement markings would have to be changed to double solid throughout the limits at a cost of approximately $1,000.00.

Relevant Consultation

☑ Internal
Grey County Committee of the Whole through this Report

☑ External
Township of Georgian Bluffs

Appendices and Attachments

Location Map
Grey Road 18 Motor Vehicle Collision Data between Rockford and Mennonite Corners (2015 to Present)
Township of Georgian Bluffs March 28, 2018 Letter
Township of Georgian Bluffs April 25, 2018 Letter
Location Map

PASSING
- NO - 73%
- YES - 27%

PAVEMENT MARKING
GREY ROAD 18
Grey Road 18 Motor Vehicle Collision Data  
Between Rockford and Mennonite Corners (2015 to Present)

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- All collisions between 2015 and 2018 were individually analyzed on both NICHE and on the Collision Reporting System for their location, type of collision and reported reason of collision.
- All car versus deer collisions were removed from the analysis.
- All collisions that were reportable and a Traffic Report submitted were included in the analysis.
- A total of 18 collisions were identified from January 1, 2015 to present.
- All Traffic Reports have been included with this report (one missing from CRS).
March 28, 2018

County of Grey
Transportation Services Department
595 9th Ave East,
Owen Sound, ON
N4K 3E3

Dear Sirs:

RE: Grey Road 18 – No Passing Zone

Please be advised that the Township of Georgian Bluffs Police Service Board passed Resolution PSB2018-009 at their meeting on March 19, 2018:

"That the Township of Georgian Bluffs Police Services Board hereby recommends to the Council of the Township of Georgian Bluffs that Grey County Road 18 be made a "No Passing Zone" from Rockford to Mennonite Corners;

And further that this motion be forwarded to the County of Grey Transportation Services Department".

Please contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you.

Christine Fraser-McDonald, Secretary
Township of Georgian Bluffs
Police Service Board

Cc: Mayor Alan Barfoot
Chair Dick Beresford
April 25, 2018

County of Grey, Clerk’s Department
Attn: Heather Morrison
595 9th Avenue East
Owen Sound ON N4K3E3

Dear Ms. Morrison,

RE: Motion in support of PSB 2018-009, passed by the Police Services Board on March 19, 2018

At its meeting on April 18, 2018, Council of the Township of Georgian Bluffs passed Resolution Number RES2018-094, as follows:

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Dwight Burley
Seconded By: Councillor Carol Barfoot

Whereas the Council of the Township of Georgian Bluffs has considered Resolution PSB 2018-009 passed by the Police Services Board of the Township of Georgian Bluffs at its meeting on March 19, 2018; and

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Georgian Bluffs requests that the County of Grey establish a “No Passing Zone” for Grey County Road 18 between Rockford and Mennonite Corners;

And further that a copy of this resolution be sent to the County of Grey Transportation Services and Clerk’s Departments for consideration.

Please contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Wendi Hunter
Clerk
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whunter@georgianbluffs.on.ca

cc. Pat Hoy, Director of Transportation, County of Grey

The Corporation of the
Township of Georgian Bluffs

June 14, 2018