

1. EAGLESON ROAD SPEED LIMIT - BRIDLEWOOD

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION AS AMENDED

That Council approve that the existing 60 km/h speed limit on Eagleson, in the residential community of Bridlewood, be extended by 500 metres to the south to accommodate increased growth and development.

DOCUMENTATION

1. Councillor A. Munter's report dated 3 February 2000 is immediately attached.
2. Bridlewood Community Association letter dated 26 January 2000 immediately follows the report.
3. Extract of Draft Transportation Committee Minute of 1 March 2000 immediately follows the public submission and includes a record of the vote.

DATE 3 February 2000

TO/DEST. Co-ordinator, Transportation Committee

FROM/EXP. Alex Munter
 Kanata's Regional Councillor

SUBJECT/OBJET **EAGLESON ROAD SPEED LIMIT**

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

That Transportation Committee recommend Council approve that the existing 60 km/h speed limit on Eagleson, in the residential community of Bridlewood, be extended by 1 kilometre to the south to accommodate increased growth and development.

BACKGROUND

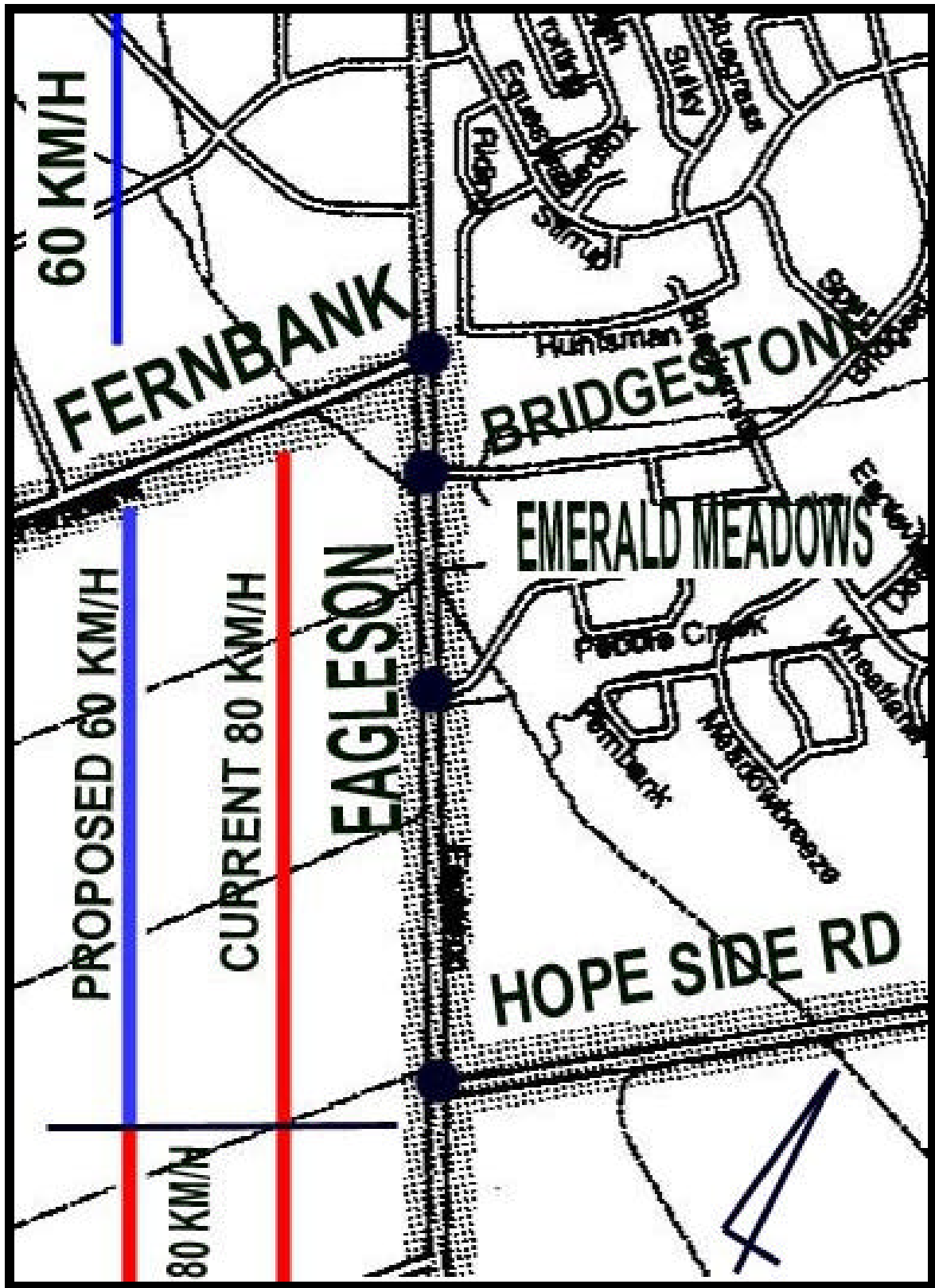
The speed limit on Eagleson Road, through urban Kanata south of the Queensway, is 60 km/h. It rises to 80 km/h as soon as the rural area is reached.

Over the past five years there has been massive development in the Emerald Meadows area of Kanata, which is not reflected by these speed limits. Currently, the transition from 60 to 80 km/h occurs just before the unsignalized Eagleson Road/Bridgestone Drive intersection. In other words, just as some cars are slowing down to turn left, others are speeding up because of the 20 km/h increase in the speed limit. Motorists face a similar conflict at the Emerald Meadows Drive/Egleson Road intersection.

There have been numerous requests for a lower speed limit for this short stretch of the road, particularly from motorists who feel unsafe making the turn into Emerald Meadows. The Bridlewood Community Association supports the change. The higher speed limit that was suitable when this was an undeveloped, rural piece of land is no longer acceptable to residents, given these two unsignalized intersections, increased pedestrian traffic and more cars due to development.

Extending the current speed limit by 1 km to the south means the 80 km/h limit would start again at approximately the Eagleson Road/Hope Side Road intersection.

Approved by
Councillor Alex Munter





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January 26, 2000

Co-ordinator Transportation Committee
Region of Ottawa-Carleton

Subject: Eagleson Road Speed Limit

This is to advise that the Bridlewood Community Association has passed a motion at its January 13 meeting to support the attached proposal from Alex Munter.

The proposal recommends that the speed limit on Eagleson Road be reduced to 60 km/h from the Emerald Meadows area to Hope Side Road.

I understand that the next step is to table this at the next Transportation Committee. If there is any further information required from the Bridlewood Community Association, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sherry Sharpe
Acting President
Bridlewood Community Association

cc: Alex Munter

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1 March 2000

3. EAGLESON ROAD SPEED LIMIT

- Councillor A. Munter's report dated 3 Feb 00
- Bridlewood Community Association letter dated 26 Jan 00

The Environment and Transportation Commissioner recommended that the matter be referred to staff for a technical analysis and a report back.

Councillor Munter noted that the 60 km/h speed limit ends because that was the end of the developed area. Mr. Brousseau confirmed this fact, adding that the existing speed zones were recommended at the time Eagleson Road was reconstructed. The councillor believed this was a housekeeping issue, noting the 60 km/h speed zone should be extended because the urban area grew further south. He explained that this is a particular concern to the community and requests to change the speed limit have been made in the past but were always rejected. However, he was very concerned because motorists have to turn at an unsignalized intersection which is on the portion of Eagleson where the speed limit jumps from 60 to 80 km/h. Also, there is a social housing development to the east of the road and many of those residents do not have cars and must walk along Eagleson Road to get to the local stores.

Councillor Cantin did not think extending the 60 km/h as recommended would be appropriate and believed there were sections of Eagleson Road which are posted 60 km/h unnecessarily. He suggested the matter be referred to staff for further review.

Following a brief explanation of how speed limits were originally established, John Buck, Manager, Operational Studies stated these limits are set based on the speed at which most (85%) of motorists were driving. Generally speaking, people will drive safely and at a speed that is prudent for the conditions of the road. Along this section of Eagleson which is surrounded by fields and is 400 metres north of Hope Side Road, he did not believe a 60 km/h speed limit would be obeyed. D. Brousseau added that collisions are often caused by the deviation of speeds along the same stretch of roadway. Mr. Buck indicated that a speed survey was conducted on Eagleson Road between Bridgestone and Emerald Meadows on 21 February between 7:05 a.m. and 7:50 a.m. and it was found that northbound motorists were travelling at 82 km/h and 88 km/h in the opposite direction.

Councillor Munter suggested a compromise that would only extend the 60 km/h speed zone to Emerald Meadows, but not further south towards Hope Side Road. He proposed a modification to his recommendation to extend it only 500 metres south of where that present speed limit ends, bringing it just past Emerald Meadows.

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Councillor Cantin could not support that recommendation and reiterated his previous comment that the item be referred to staff for a further review of what actual speeds are being travelled in that 60 km/h speed zone. He did not believe it was practical to have or extend a 60 km/h limit on a limited access road. He proposed that the Motion be referred to staff and that they bring back evidence as to what is presently occurring on that stretch of Eagleson Road.

Moved by R. Cantin

That the matter be referred to staff and that they be directed to bring forward evidence as to what speeds are actually be driven on Eagleson Road.

LOST

YEAS: R. Cantin....1

NAYS:M. Bellemare, W. Byrne, L. Davis, C. Doucet, D. Holmes,
J. Legendre....6

Moved by J. Legendre

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CARRIED as amended

YEAS: M. Bellemare, W. Byrne, L. Davis, C. Doucet, D. Holmes,
Legendre....6

NAYS:R. Cantin....1