



Report Number: EC2024-0546

Meeting: Executive Committee

Meeting Date: 2024 April 16

NOTICE OF MOTION

RE: Doubling Speed Fines in School & Playground Zones

Sponsoring Councillor(s): Councillor Mian

WHEREAS...

- ensuring the safety of children, particularly in playground zones near schools, is paramount due to their heightened vulnerability to traffic-related risks;
- various public entities, including school boards and parent councils have voiced concerns regarding speeding and pedestrian safety, underscoring the urgency for additional protective measures;
- other jurisdictions, such as Nova Scotia¹, British Columbia², Quebec³, and Ontario⁴, have successfully implemented measures to increase or outright double speeding fines in school zones;
- Alberta has already doubled fines for other vulnerable road users such as when workers are present in construction zones or when passing first responders⁵;
- the provincial government holds responsibility for the Traffic Safety Act and associated regulations/specified penalties, including the establishment of school and playground zones with reduced speed limits to safeguard children's well-being.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED ...

1. Council forward the accompanying resolution to the Village of Duchess and request that they second it; and

¹ Motor Vehicle Act. R.S., c. 293, s. 1
Section 300A

² Motor Vehicle Act, RSBC 1996, c 318
Section 148

³ Highway Safety Code, CQLR c C-24.2
Section 516.2

⁴ Highway Traffic Act, RSO 1990, c H.8
Section 214.1

⁵ Bill 5: Traffic Safety Amendment Act, 2022. Second Reading. Legislature 30, Session 3. Edmonton.
<https://www.assembly.ab.ca/assembly-business/bills/bill?billinfoid=11955&from=bills>

2. The accompanying resolution is submitted for inclusion at the September annual Alberta Municipalities conference to request:

“Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of Alberta to make changes to the Alberta Traffic Safety Act to improve safety within designated school zones and playground zones through measures such as double fines for speeding offenses or adjusting demerits to encourage improved compliance.”