



WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY REPORT

Information ☐	Recommendation X	Decision Request ☐	Councillor Activity ☐
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To: Mayor Zebian and Members of Council

Submitted by: Bob Morton, District 6 Councillor

Date: December 9, 2025

Subject: Traffic Calming/Speedbumps in the Crossing

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

WHRM's Traffic Calming Policy RCOPW-002.00
Nova Scotia Municipal Government Act

RECOMMENDATION or DECISION REQUEST

THAT COUNCIL DIRECT THE CAO TO INSTRUCT STAFF TO PREPARE A CLASS D COST ESTIMATE FOR POTENTIAL INSTALLATION OF SPEED BUMPS ON EDWARD DRIVE, IRVEN DRIVE, AND COMMUNITY WAY WITHIN THE CROSSING RETIREMENT COMMUNITY, AND RETURN THIS INFORMATION INCLUDING COSTING ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS FOR FUNDING SOURCES TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION.

BACKGROUND

Property ☒	Public Opinion ☒	Environment ☒	Social ☒	Economic ☐	Councillor Activity ☐
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The Crossing is a neighbourhood with a predominantly senior population, narrow roads, and no sidewalks, making pedestrian and resident safety a top concern. In recent years, the opening of additional roads has significantly increased traffic volumes.

Speed bumps were previously presented to Council for consideration in The Crossing Retirement Community and were not approved at that time.

While traffic levels have not significantly increased since the previous decision, the ongoing safety concerns remain unresolved:

- There are no sidewalks within the community.
- Streets are narrow and do not provide safe pedestrian separation.
- The majority of residents are seniors, many of whom use mobility aids and must walk directly in the roadway.
- Regular vehicle movement, service providers, and school transportation continue to interact with pedestrian movement in close proximity.

The design limitations of the subdivision, paired with its demographic realities, continue to present safety vulnerabilities for residents and visitors.

DISCUSSION

The request at this time is not to revisit the full traffic-calming debate, but simply to obtain updated costing information so Council can clearly evaluate feasibility before any future motions.

Speed bumps remain one of the most direct and cost-controlled measures to reduce vehicle speed in areas where pedestrians and vehicles share the same surface without protective infrastructure.

Residents continue to express concern regarding pedestrian safety and have requested that Council obtain current cost information.

NEXT STEPS

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with this request as it pertains to seeking information. Should Council endorse and direct the implementation of speedbumps, there will be costs associated with those directives and a funding source will need to be determined.

ALTERNATIVES

Option 1 - Provide additional direction to staff to enhance the scope of the report

Option 2 - Continue Ad Hoc with no traffic calming measures

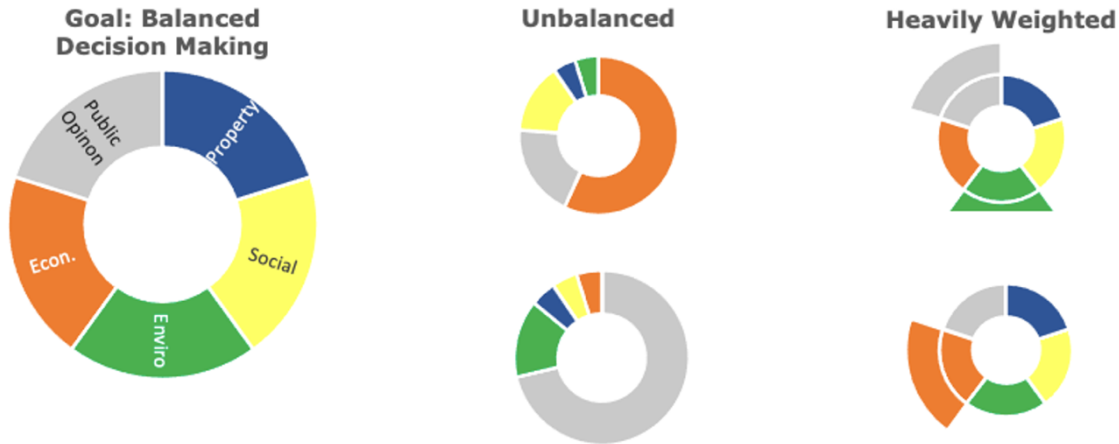
ATTACHMENTS

None

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REVIEW

Staff await Council's direction on the matter.

Council has been provided with a reference taken from the Meeting and Committee Procedural Policy , Appendix C "Decision Making by Council and Committee of the Whole" as a reminder of the principles highlighted for good decision making.



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