

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE <b>POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION MANUAL</b>	REFERENCE NUMBER _____
SECTION <b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	SUBJECT <b>Traffic Calming Policy</b>

## 1. POLICY INTENT

- 1.1. The intent of this policy is to develop a procedure for the placement of Speed Display Devices, or alternative Traffic Calming equipment, within the Municipality of Argyle.

## 2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1. **Speed Display Device (SDD)** - a portable or permanent radar activated sign that instantaneously displays speeds of approaching vehicles and conveys the information back to the driver. This device can also used to obtain traffic volumes.
- 2.2. **MODA** – Municipality of the District of Argyle.
- 2.3. **NSTIR** - Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal.
- 2.4. **Traffic Calming** - the installation of a safety solution such as a radar sign, **or other equipment**, with the attempt to slow down or reduce traffic speeds in order to enhance safety for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists. For example, portable speed bumps, radar signs, and other signs that seek to slow motor vehicle traffic in higher risk areas.

## 3. PURPOSE

- 3.1. The purpose of traffic calming is to make neighborhoods safer, more pleasant, and more livable. Reducing the speed of traffic to acceptable levels helps to achieve these goals. Traffic calming reduces the chance of accidents, collisions, and noise.
- 3.2. MODA cannot be responsible for every road in the Municipality, therefore the solutions applied in this policy are meant to be temporary, and targeted for higher risk traffic areas.
- 3.3. The Speed Display Device can also be used for data collection of traffic patterns for MODA and NSTIR for its own information.
- 3.4. The SDD is for information purposes to increase driver awareness of excessive speed. Neither the SDD nor MODA issue speeding tickets.
- 3.5. Traffic calming data will only be collected on NSTIR secondary roads, local roads and MODA owned roads. No private roads or 100 series highways shall be monitored.
- 3.6. Speed calming located on NSTIR owner or maintained roads will be installed only after MODA receives written permission to do so.

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#### 4. PROCEDURE

##### 4.1. Annual Program:

4.1.1. Each year the office of the CAO will develop an annual program, outlining locations and schedule for the use of the sign. The program will be informed by: consultations with the RCMP; NSTIR; Municipal Council; Municipal strategies and programs requiring data, and requests from concerned residents.

##### 4.2. Criteria:

4.2.1. The following criteria will be used to determine the urgency of the SDD use:

- Proven speeding occurrences in the area consistently above the posted limits.
- Safety concerns to significant pedestrian or cycling traffic – specifically but not exclusively:
  - Near or in a school zone, or a playground or field where children are often present in school or at play.
  - Near seniors housing, or near nursing homes where there may be pedestrians with disabilities present on the public road.
  - Near areas known for high pedestrian traffic, either for recreational or for commercial purposes.
  - Near industrial activity where the road could be used by vehicles moving at slower speeds (loading trucks, forklifts).
- Pre-existing accidents in the location would be a contributing factor.
- There was a previous requirement to install temporary traffic calming equipment in this location.
- MODA receives approval from NSTIR to install a temporary SDD on the selected road section.

#### 5. PLACEMENT

5.1.1. The SDD or other Traffic Calming feature installation and removal will be coordinated by MODA staff.

5.1.2. The SDD may be installed at a particular location for a maximum of 3 months.

5.1.3. There must be a minimum lapse of three months prior to reinstalling the SDD at the same location.

5.1.4. Placement will be in a location that maintains sight lines at intersections as approved by NSTIR, that does not interfere with traffic on the roadway or with bicycles and pedestrians, and there is no other information competing for the driver's attention, e.g. warning devices upstream of a sharp curve.

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## 6. MAINTENANCE OF SRAS OR OTHER TRAFFIC CALMING UNITS

- 6.1. The SDD shall be maintained by appropriate qualified technicians. All traffic calming units shall be owed by and maintained by MODA.
- 6.2. MODA may seek the assistance of residents or businesses benefitting from the equipment to monitor traffic in that location, and provide minor maintenance or observation of the equipment, at MODA's cost.

<u>Chief Administrative Officer's Annotation for Official Policy Book</u>	
Date of Notice to Council Members	
Of Intent to Consider [7 days minimum]: January 2, 2022	
Date of Passage of Current Policy: _____	
I certify that this Policy was adopted by Council as indicated above.	
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Chief Administrative Officer	Date