



Council report

Meeting date:	September 21, 2021
Title:	Traffic Study for Saddler Street East
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Recommendation

That council consider, during the 2022 budget process, allocating \$10,000 for a consultant firm to complete a traffic study for Saddler Street East, and further

That council consider, during the 2022 budget process, allocating \$7,500 for the development of a traffic calming plan.

Executive summary

The Traffic Safety Working Group recommended to council that a traffic study be conducted for Saddler Street East. Traffic studies assess vehicle activity, speeds, safety, etc. with a goal of identifying potential improvements or mitigation measures, if required.

Background and discussion

Resolution 133-2021 states: "THAT council supports the resolution wherein the West Grey Traffic Safety Working Group recommends that council authorize staff to initiate a study to run a pilot project for speed cushions or similar traffic control measures on Saddler Street East in the Town of Durham to address speed concerns."

An estimate of \$10,000 to conduct a neighborhood traffic study was received from an engineering firm that specializes in traffic solutions. The traffic study consists of providing digital mapping, traffic counts, field visits, data analysis, a plan for countermeasures for consideration, and a report to council. For an additional \$7,500, the firm could prepare a traffic calming policy that would include an implementation process, screening criteria and measures to address identified traffic calming issues.

Legal and legislated requirements

Highway Traffic Act



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Financial and resource implications

The recommended traffic study is not in the 2021 capital budget and, on council direction, could be considered in the 2022 capital budget discussions.

Staffing implications

None

Consultation

CAO

Director of Finance

Traffic Safety Working Group

West Grey Chief of Police

Alignment to strategic vision plan

Pillar: build a better future

Goal: Vibrant community

Strategy: Investigate innovative solutions to current infrastructure challenges

Attachments

None

Next steps

Pending council's direction, include a traffic study for Saddler Street East in the 2022 capital budget.

Respectfully submitted:

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