

BY-LAW NUMBER 36-2025
OF
THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BRANTFORD

Being a By-law to amend By-law 70-2010, being a By-law to adopt various City of Brantford Policies and to create a Corporate Policy Manual by repealing nine (9) existing Public Works policies and adding Public Works policy 029 – Traffic Regulations

WHEREAS Section 8(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O., 2001, c.25, as amended, (the “Act”) the powers of a municipality shall be interpreted broadly so as to enable the municipality to govern its affairs as it considers appropriate and to enhance the municipality’s ability to respond to municipal issues; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting of June 7, 2010, City Council passed By-law 70-2010, being a By-law to adopt various policies of the City of Brantford and to create a Corporate Policy Manual, which policies are attached as Appendix “A” to By-law 70-2010; and

WHEREAS City Council, at its meeting held on March 25, 2025, adopted the recommendations set out in Item 12.1.5 of Committee of the Whole – Operations Report #2025-03-04 to repeal the following Public Work Policies and replace with Public Work Policy-029 to Establish Traffic Regulations within the City of Brantford:

- Public Works-008 – Traffic Calming
- Public Works-009 – All-way Stop Control – Warrants
- Public Works-010 – Pedestrian Priority Signals
- Public Works-011 – Traffic Signals – Minimum Warrants for Installation
- Public Works-017 – Guidelines for Establishing Posted Speed Limits
- Public Works-018 – Vehicle Activated Traffic Calming Signs (VATCS)
- Public Works-019 – Speed Watch Program
- Public Works-024 – Pedestrian Crossovers
- Public Works-026 – Community Safety Zone

NOW THEREFORE THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BRANTFORD HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT By-law 70-2010 is hereby amended by repealing the following policies:
 - i. Public Works-008 – Traffic Calming;
 - ii. Public Works-009 – All-way Stop Control – Warrants;
 - iii. Public Works-010 – Pedestrian Priority Signals,
 - iv. Public Works-011 – Traffic Signals – Minimum Warrants for Installation;
 - v. Public Works-017 – Guidelines for Establishing Posted Speed Limits;
 - vi. Public Works-018 – Vehicle Activated Traffic Calming Signs (VATCS);
 - vii. Public Works-019 – Speed Watch Program;
 - viii. Public Works-024 – Pedestrian Crossovers;
 - ix. Public Works-026 – Community Safety Zone; and

2. THAT By-law 70-2010 is hereby amended by adopting Public Works Policy 029 - Traffic Regulations, attached hereto as Schedule 'A'; and
3. THAT the Clerk be directed to update the Corporate Policy Manual to reflect the amendment to said Policy approved herein; and
4. This By-law shall come into force effective immediately.

READ A FIRST TIME: March 25, 2025

READ A SECOND TIME: March 25, 2025

PASSED: March 25, 2025

MAYOR

CLERK

Schedule “A”



Policy Manual

Policy Number: Public Works-029

Subject: Traffic Regulations

Policy Statement:

The City of Brantford (City) is committed to providing a safe road network for all users. The City will apply traffic control and traffic calming measures when justified by the criteria outlined in this Policy and consistent with any federal, provincial, and municipal legislation.

Purpose / Objective:

The purpose of this Policy is to guide City staff and ensure consistent treatment in the design, application and operation of traffic control devices and systems in the City.

The objective is to promote safe driving behaviour for all road users by creating a predictable roadway environment through the consistent and appropriate use of traffic control devices and traffic calming measures.

Policy Statement Details:

This Policy sets out guidelines or warrants for evaluating and implementing traffic control and traffic calming measures in accordance with provincial standards and industry best practices. Its primary objectives are to enhance road safety, ensure legal compliance, and maintain an efficient transportation network.

The Policy guidelines are mainly derived from the Ontario Traffic Manuals (OTM) and the Canadian Guide to Traffic Calming, published by the Transportation Association of Canada (TAC). The OTM, published by the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO), provides standardized guidelines and best practices to promote safe, consistent, and efficient traffic management across the province. These manuals provide detailed instructions on traffic control, road design, and traffic management technologies, contributing to improved road safety and adherence to legal requirements such as the Ontario Highway Traffic Act (HTA).

In cases where the OTM does not provide specific guidance, practical experience and professional judgement are essential for decision making. Staff must apply engineering

expertise to serve the public’s best interests while making technical determinations. While the OTM offers valuable guidelines to support these decisions, it should not replace sound judgement. Whenever deviations from the guidelines occur, efforts should be made to minimize departures and document the rationale for each decision.

Related Policy Guidelines:

1. **Traffic Control Guideline**
2. **Pedestrian Crossings Guideline**
3. **Posted Speed Limits Guideline**
4. **Community Safety Zones Guideline**
5. **Traffic Calming Guideline**

DEFINITIONS:

For the purposes of this Policy, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

City Staff: Staff employed by the Corporation of the City of Brantford who are responsible for design of roads and roadway elements under the purview of this Policy.

Traffic Control: Traffic control refers to the supervision, direction, and regulation of the movement of vehicles, pedestrians, and goods to ensure safety, efficiency, and orderly flow on roads and intersections. It includes the use of traffic signals, road signs, pavement markings, and law enforcement measures to prevent accidents and manage congestion. Traffic control can also apply to temporary measures for construction zones, special events, or emergencies.

Traffic Calming: Traffic calming refers to a set of design and management strategies used to reduce vehicle speeds, improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists, and enhance the overall livability of streets. It includes physical measures such as speed humps, roundabouts, narrowed lanes, chicanes, and raised crosswalks to discourage excessive speeding and cut-through traffic. The goal of traffic calming is to create safer, more pedestrian-friendly environments, particularly in residential areas.

Responsibility:

The Operational Services Department will be responsible for the implementation of this Policy in coordination with other departments, as needed.

Date of Enactment: March 25, 2025	Related by By-law Number/ Staff Report Number: 2025-15
Review Date: Amendment Dates:	Department Responsible for Review: Operational Services – Public Works
Date of Next Review:	Applicable Legislation/ Legislative Authority: