Date          June 11, 2019
To            Chair and Members
               Committee of the Whole – Operations and Administration
From          Chair and Members
               Vision Zero Road Safety Committee

1.0 Type of Report

Consent Item [ ]
Item For Consideration [ X]

2.0 Topic
Vision Zero Road Safety Committee Report regarding:

1. Johnson Road Traffic Calming [Financial Implications - $10,000]
2. Neighbourhood Gateway Speed Limits
3. Active Transportation Sub-Committee

3.0 Recommendation

1. Johnson Road Traffic Calming [Financial Implications - $10,000]
   A. THAT the speed limit on Johnson Road BE REDUCED to 40 km/hr;
      and
   B. THAT Staff BE DIRECTED to hold a second traffic calming measures pilot project on Johnson Road, subject to public feedback; and
C. THAT $10,000 BE FUNDED from the Council Priorities Reserve for the pilot project; and

D. THAT the necessary By-law to amend By-law 37-83 BE PRESENTED to City Council for adoption.

2. **Neighbourhood Gateway Speed Limits**

   THAT Staff BE DIRECTED to investigate a Neighbourhood Gateway Speed Limit Policy for the City of Brantford and report back to the Vision Zero Road Safety Committee.

3. **Active Transportation Sub-Committee**

   A. THAT in keeping with Section 26.2.9 (which permits Boards and Advisory Committees to create sub-committees which include members drawn otherwise than from among their members) of Chapter 26 of the City of Brantford Municipal Code, an Active Transportation Sub-Committee BE CREATED under the Vision Zero Road Safety Committee; and

   B. THAT the Active Transportation Sub-Committee Terms of Reference, as attached to Report 2019-349 BE APPROVED; and

   C. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to fill the positions in accordance with the Appointments Policy.

4.0 **Background**

1. **Johnson Road Traffic Calming [Financial Implications - $10,000]**

   The Vision Zero Road Safety Committee met on May 23, 2019 to discuss traffic concerns on Johnson Road. Staff informed members of the Committee that there have been concerns with speeding on Johnson Road since 2014. In response to the neighbourhood concerns on May 23, 2017 City Council passed the following resolution:

   **Traffic Calming Measures on Johnson Road between Colborne Street and County Road 18**

   THAT Staff PREPARE options to provide traffic calming measures on Johnson Road between Colborne Street and Brant County Road 18.

   Staff initiated the processes outlined in the City of Brantford Traffic Calming Policy by sending the neighbourhood opinion survey to the impacted neighbours requesting feedback on the traffic on Johnson Road. Of the 226 surveys delivered, 88 (33%) were returned and of those respondents, 76 (86%) were in
favour of speed cushions on Johnson Road. The traffic calming policy however requires a 51% response rate of the total letters distributed in order to proceed with traffic calming measures.

The results of the survey do not meet the requirements of the Traffic Calming Policy however the Vision Zero Road Safety Committee see Johnson Road as an appropriate place to hold a second traffic calming pilot project where rubber speed humps will be temporarily installed and noted the 86% of respondents in favour of such measures. The Committee is seeking Council approval to direct staff to hold a neighbourhood meeting to explain the traffic calming project to those impacted and subject to positive feedback, install the speed cushions on Johnson Road.

The Committee is seeking $10,000 from the Council Priorities Reserve Fund to fund the traffic calming project on Johnson Road. The funding will cover the cost of installation, including hardware, and removal of the rubber speed cushions, as well as pay for signage installation on Johnson Road.

Staff have previously been directed to consider amending the Traffic Calming Policy to remove the 51% response rate required for the opinion surveys to allow greater flexibility in review and implementation of traffic calming measures on City streets.

2. **Neighbourhood Gateway Speed Limits**

In May 2017, Bill 65 – Safer School Zones Act, 2017 was passed by the Province of Ontario. The new legislation, in conjunction with Ontario Regulation 301/18 of the Highway Traffic Act, allows municipalities to implement new gateway speed limit signage lower than Ontario’s default speed limit of 50 km/hr.

Members of the Vision Zero Road Safety Committee would like to implement gateway speed limits in residential neighbourhoods throughout the City especially in neighbourhoods with schools and parks. Staff informed members that implementation of gateway speed limits will require further research and the creation of a policy for the City of Brantford. As such, the Vision Zero Road Safety Committee has requested that staff be directed to review potential policies to implement the use of neighbourhood gateway speed limits within the City of Brantford. The policy will be reviewed by the Vision Zero Road Safety Committee and a recommendation provided to Committee of the Whole – Operations and Administration thereafter.
3. **Active Transportation Sub-Committee, 2019-349**

   The Vision Zero Road Safety Committee met on May 23, 2019 to consider the creation of an Active Transportation Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee is comprised of a number of members who are not appointed to the Vision Zero Road Safety Committee. As per Section 26.9.2 of Chapter 26 (Boards – Advisory Committee Duties – Functions) of the City of Brantford Municipal appointment of outside members to a sub-committee requires approval by City Council.

   The Vision Zero Road Safety Committee is seeking approval of the appointment of members to the sub-committee and the aforementioned staff report is attached as Appendix ‘A’. The Sub-Committee will also welcome other members not listed in the Terms of Reference to join the discussions, such as Brantford youth.

   [Signature]

   Councillor Weaver  
   Vision Zero Road Safety Committee

   Attachments:

   Appendix ‘A’: Active Transportation Sub-Committee Report 2019-349