

## APPROVAL REPORT

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# The Traffic Amendment Bylaw, 2024

### ISSUE

This report submits Bylaw No. 9960, *The Traffic Amendment Bylaw, 2024* (“Bylaw”) for City Council’s consideration. The Bylaw amends *The Traffic Bylaw* to make changes to the City’s accessible parking permit program and to reduce speed limits on two streets with neighbourhood bikeways.

### RECOMMENDATION

That City Council consider Bylaw No. 9960, *The Traffic Amendment Bylaw, 2024*.

### BACKGROUND

At its [January 31, 2024 Regular Business Meeting](#), City Council considered a report of the General Manager, Community Services dated December 5, 2023 and resolved:

1. That the proposed amendments to Bylaw No. 7200, *The Traffic Bylaw*, as outlined in this report, be approved; and
2. That the City Solicitor be requested to make the necessary amendments to Bylaw No. 7200, *The Traffic Bylaw*.

At its [December 20, 2023 Regular Business Meeting](#), City Council considered a report of the General Manager, Transportation and Construction dated December 5, 2023 and resolved:

1. That Council Policy C0X-XXX, *Reduced Speed Limits for Neighbourhood Bikeways*, be approved; and
2. That the City Clerk be requested to adopt Council Policy C0X-XXX, *Reduced Speed Limits for Neighbourhood Bikeways*, as outlined in this report.

The approved policy indicates that neighbourhood bikeways are to have speed limits of 30 km/h. As indicated in the report, approval of the policy necessitates speed limit changes to the following streets:

- 23rd Street West Bikeway (Blairmore Bikeway) from Vancouver Avenue North to Avenue C North; and
- 14th Street East Bikeway from Saskatchewan Crescent East to Cumberland Avenue South.

### DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

In accordance with City Council’s instructions, we are pleased to submit Bylaw No. 9960, *The Traffic Amendment Bylaw, 2024* for City Council’s consideration.

The speed limit changes will come into force on July 5, 2024 to allow for an opportunity to obtain and install necessary speed limit signage.

The Bylaw changes the name of “unrestricted parking permits” to “City accessible parking permits” which reflects how these permits will be referred to in practice. The new 4 hour time limit for parking on-street with a City accessible parking permit will come into force on November 1, 2024 to coincide with the start of the next permit year.

The \$20 fee for replacement permits has been repealed as the City does not charge this fee in practice.

### **NEXT STEPS**

The report of Transportation and Construction recommending speed limit reductions on neighbourhood bikeways also discussed neighbourhood bikeways located on Dudley Street and 31<sup>st</sup> Street West. Once these neighbourhood bikeways are fully constructed, a subsequent report will be submitted to City Council seeking instruction to amend *The Traffic Bylaw* to reduce speed limits for these bikeways.

### **APPENDICES**

1. Proposed Bylaw No. 9960, *The Traffic Amendment Bylaw, 2024*.

#### Report Approval

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