

Jurisdictional Review of Residential Posted Speed Limits

Municipality	Current Practice in Residential Areas	Discussion
Calgary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speed limit is 50 kph 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provincial regulations now allow Cities to determine speed limits. Administration is analyzing the potential of reducing speed limits. It is the number one complaint received by City Councillors.
Okotoks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speed limit is 40 kph 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lowered speed limit to 40 kph in 2015. There has been a 31% reduction in total vehicle collisions, as a result of the speed limit reduction.
Edmonton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speed limit is 50 kph for majority 3 neighbourhoods have a posted speed limit of 40 kph 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2010 pilot project for six neighbourhoods to lower posted speed limit to 40 kph to study the impact on overall safety and quality of life. Following the pilot project, Council approved a bylaw amendment for three of the neighbourhoods to permanently reduce the speed to 40 kph. In 2013, Council adopted a speed reduction policy to allow neighbourhoods to request a review of speed limits of residential roadways within their community for consideration to reduce the speed limit to 40 kph. Administration is currently considering a city-wide reduction to the posted speed limit in residential areas, a report to Council is expected in 2019.
Red Deer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speed limit is 50 kph 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not currently investigating a reduced residential speed limit. City has one street that is 30 kph.
Saskatoon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speed limit is 50 kph for majority Montgomery neighbourhood speed limit is 40 kph 	
Regina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speed limit is 50 kph 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not currently investigating a reduced residential speed limit.
Prince Albert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speed limit is 40 kph 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not currently investigating a further reduced residential speed limit.
Hamilton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speed limit is 50 kph and 40 kph 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The City has been reducing speed limits on local residential roadways to 40 kph, installing posted speed limit signs on each neighbourhood block. Speed limit reductions are currently on hold because the Province of Ontario has brought forward Bill 65, which will allow municipalities to identify neighbourhoods for speed limit reductions. This would allow posted speed limit signs to be installed at the entrance points to the neighbourhood off of the arterial road network, rather than each block.

Mississauga	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed limit is 50 kph, 40 kph and 30 kph 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40 kph roadways are normally roads within established neighbourhoods without curbs or sidewalks. • 30 kph roadways were designed and constructed for this speed. • City currently investigating lowering speed limits. Three options they are considering are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Somewhat relax current approach to 40 kph speed limits and recommend a lower speed limit on any roadway where operating speeds are less than 50 kph. Individual roadway reviews only and no neighbourhood speed limits; • Individual or neighbourhood speed limits where operating speeds are less than 50 kph (all roadways would require a review). • All neighbourhoods to become 40 kph and neighbourhoods defined by Major collector/Arterial roads (with an implementation timeline, something like 10 neighbourhoods each year).
Toronto	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed limit is 50 kph, 40 kph and 30 kph 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City is currently in second year of lowering residential speed limits to either 30 kph and 40 kph
Halifax	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed limit is 50 kph 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Council currently pushing the provincial government to either change the default speed limit within residential areas in the Motor Vehicle Act to 40 kph (from 50 kph) or alternatively give the City the power to set their own speed limit.
Seattle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed limit is 20 mph (32 kph) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2016 as part of Seattle's Vision Zero plan the speed limit was lowered from 25 mph (40 kph) to 20 mph (32 kph).
Portland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed limit is 20 mph (32 kph) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As of April 1, 2018, as part of Portland's Visio Zero plan, the speed limit on residential streets was dropped to 32 kph (20 mph).