



SPEED CONTROL INFORMATION SHEET QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT SPEED CONTROL

The speed control program provides residents with speed control measures that may consist of speed humps and/or traffic circles depending on road geometry and possibly All-Way Stop Control (AWSC) at major residential collectors. All-Way Stop Control installation would only be considered at the intersection of two residential collectors in conjunction with speed control measures. Based on the City's past experience, AWSC is generally not an effective speed control measure in itself. Speed humps and traffic circles can reduce vehicular speeds and help discourage non-local traffic from traveling through a neighbourhood. Speed control measures are installed only in appropriate locations where they will increase safety levels and livability in the City of Thorold and provide the most benefit.

Q. Why do we need speed control measures?

A. Speeding on residential streets is a common complaint of concerned citizens. The purpose of speed control is to reduce vehicular speeds. Other means to slow speeds such as police enforcement are effective; however limited resources do not permit their use on a regular and permanent basis. Research into the effect of speed humps/traffic circle on vehicular speeds consistently shows that these are effective tools in reducing travel speeds on residential streets.

Q. How do I get speed control measures on my street?

The following provides steps for the initiation of a speed control request:

- Step 1 – Fill out Speed Control Application Form.
- Step 2 – Location meet Initial Criteria as per City's Speed Control Program?
- Step 3 – If yes, Speed Control Information Package sent to residents
- Step 4 – Petition/Poll process (need 51% community support).
- Step 5 – City conducts traffic studies.
- Step 6 – Speed Control if warranted, conduct public meeting.
- Step 7 – Report to Council.

Q. Where are speed control measures permitted?

A. As outlined in the City's Speed Control Program, speed humps may only be installed if they meet criteria outlined in the City's policy such as:

- Considered on local or residential collector streets only.
- Cannot be located on main emergency routes.
- Maximum of two travel lanes (one in each direction).
- Traffic studies confirm volume and speeding problem meet minimum criteria.