

ITEM 13
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 39
COUNCIL MEETING May 21/74

Re: Willard Street from Marine Drive to Trapp Road
(Item 8, Report No. 35, May 6, 1974)

Council on three occasions has received correspondence from Mr. and Mrs. M. Bodnariuk requesting that the condition of the subject road be approved, and that the speed limit be reduced from 30 to 20 miles per hour. Council on May 6, 1974, during consideration of another letter from Mr. and Mrs. Bodnariuk and a report from the Municipal Engineer, resolved to reduce the speed limit on the subject portion of Willard Street to 20 miles per hour for all classes of vehicles. Following is a report from the Engineer in which he respectfully requests that this decision be reconsidered.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT Council reconsider its previous decision to post a 20 M.P.H. speed limit on Willard Street between Marine Drive and Trapp Road because such a limit is considered undesirable for the reasons noted in the Engineer's report; and

THAT Mr. and Mrs. Bodnariuk be advised accordingly.

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER
MAY 16, 1974
FROM: MUNICIPAL ENGINEER
RE: 20 M.P.H. - WILLARD STREET.

We have received instructions from the Municipal Clerk's office to post a 20 M.P.H. speed limit on Willard Street from Marine Drive to Trapp Road as approved by Council on May 6, 1974.

The question of posting a 20 M.P.H. limit was under study by our Traffic Division and was to be brought before the Traffic and Safety Committee for consideration. It had been our intention to recommend against the posting of a 20 M.P.H. limit for the following reasons.

1. Such a posting would set a precedent for additional posting not only in the Big Bend Area but throughout the Municipality where we have received continual requests from individuals for lower speed limits in their blocks for one reason or another.
2. On straight and relatively level sections of road such a speed limit would receive very poor compliance from the motoring public and if enforced would be regarded as a speed trap.
3. To comply with the requirements of the Motor Vehicle Act, which states that the speed limit on streets in a Municipality will be 30 M.P.H. unless otherwise posted it would be necessary on the captioned section of Willard Street to post 26 speed limit signs at a cost of approximately \$1,200.
4. Should we post Willard Street at 20 M.P.H. and not post say 12th Avenue to the school and 10th Avenue etc., we will soon receive complaints and requests to do so. Also trucks discouraged from using Willard Street because of 20 M.P.H. limit could decide to use Byrne to Meadow and then drive right past the Riverside School which even at 20 M.P.H. would not be desirable because of the poor road alignment.

RECOMMENDATION:

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cc: () Secretary, Traffic
Safety Committee

E.E. Olsen
MUNICIPAL ENGINEER