

REPORTS
1999 OCTOBER 18

CITY OF BURNABY
ENVIRONMENT & WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS

RE: UNIVERSAL SHORELINE SPEED RESTRICTION

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council forward a letter to Canadian Coast Guard, Office of Boating Safety (Pacific), supporting the proposed Universal Shoreline Speed Restriction in the province of British Columbia.

R E P O R T

Council, at the regular Council meeting held on 1999 September 13, received the attached correspondence (APPENDIX I) from the Canadian Coast Guard, office of Boating Safety (Pacific), outlining a proposed universal shoreline speed restriction. Council referred the correspondence to the Environment & Waste Management Committee for review.

The Environment & Waste Management Committee, at its meeting held on 1999 October 12, completed a review of the proposed restriction and endorsed same.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor D. Johnston,
Chair

Councillor C. Redman,
Member

Councillor D. Lawson,
Member

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August 17, 1999

Dear Mayor and Council,

RE: Consultation in Advance of a Proposed Universal Shoreline Speed Restriction

The Canadian Coast Guard Office of Boating Safety (Pacific) is requesting written input regarding the implementation of a Universal Shoreline Speed Restriction in the Province of British Columbia.

The proposed restriction is a 10km/h speed limit on vessels operating within 30 metres of a shoreline on all waters in British Columbia. This restriction would apply to all vessels up to 15 tons under the Canada Shipping Act - Boating Restriction Regulations.

There are some exemptions to the restriction:

- Vessels towing persons perpendicular from shore
- Vessels towing persons where the operation takes place within an area designated by buoys in an area where such operation is permitted
- Rivers less than 100 m in width
- Canals and buoyed channels
- Areas where another speed restriction is in place
- Safety boats within the scope of the regular activities of a recognized group

The Universal Shoreline Speed restriction is in force in Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta.

The Office of Boating Safety expects several positive results with the implementation of the Universal Shoreline Speed Restriction.

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Today's waterways are increasing in usage involving diverse activities on an around our waterways. A speed restriction would encourage safer, predictable operating conditions for all waterway users and reduce concerns users have regarding high-speed craft operating close to shore.

Another benefit of the proposed speed restriction would be greater protection of inshore habitat and reduce shoreline erosion.

The Canadian Coast Guard Office of Boating Safety would like input from various agencies and groups regarding submitting a proposal for a Universal Shoreline Speed Restriction and looks forward to your comments.

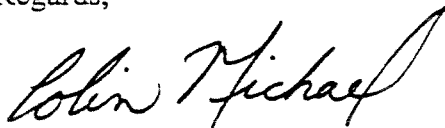
Enclosed is a copy of the regulatory section in the regulations, and an information sign. We would appreciate your assistance in this matter by posting the information sign where it may be best viewed by the general public. Your cooperation would greatly assist us in notifying the general public of our intentions.

Please don't hesitate to contact this office if you have any questions or concerns at: (250) 480-2621 or E-mail: michaelc@pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca or:

Canadian Coast Guard
Office of Boating Safety (P)
Attn: Colin Michael
25 Huron Street
Victoria, BC
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Thank you for your cooperation

Regards,



Colin Michael
Canadian Coast Guard
Office of Boating Safety (P)

**CANADA SHIPPING ACT - Boating Restriction Regulations
Regulations Respecting the Restriction of Navigation**

Prohibitions

(5.2) Subject to subsection (5.3), no person shall operate, in Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta, a power-driven vessel at a speed in excess of 10 km/h in waters within 30 m of the shore.

(7) Subsections (1) to (5.2) do not apply to:

(a) a peace officer;

(b) an employee or agent of the Crown, of a province, county or municipality acting within the scope of their duties;

(c) a person in the act of saving life or limb or preventing damage to property; or

(d) a person who operates a safety boat for surveillance and lifeguarding within the scope of regular activities carried out by a recreational institution or a teaching or racing organization established under provincial, federal or international laws;

(5.3) Subsection (5.2) does not apply

(a) if the operation of the vessel is for the purpose of towing a person on water skis, a surf board or any other such equipment and

(i) the vessel follows a trajectory that is perpendicular to the shore, and

(ii) where the vessel is being operated in waters within 30 m of the shore, the operation takes place within an area designated by buoys as an area in which such operation is permitted; and

(b) in respect of the operation of power-driven vessels

(i) in rivers that are less than 100 m in width, or in canals or buoyed channels, or

(ii) in any waters referred to in Schedule IV or IV.1 in respect of which a maximum speed is prescribed by these Regulations with regard to a specified distance from shore.



The Canadian Coast Guard Office of Boating Safety is intending to implement a restriction to limit speed to 10 km/h within 30 metres from shore on all navigable waters within British Columbia, except for:

1. Water-skiing, where the vessel follows a trajectory perpendicular to the shore; or
2. Within an area designated by buoys as an area where another speed is permitted; or
3. In rivers of less than 100m in width; or
4. In waters where another speed is prescribed under the Regulations.

This restriction presently applies in the provinces of Alberta, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Ontario.

Anyone wishing to comment or receive further information may do so in writing to:

**Canadian Coast Guard Office of Boating Safety
25 Huron St., Victoria, B.C., V8V 4V9**

Comments to be received by September 15, 1999

