District of Barriere

REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: August 15, 2022	File: 530.20/Rpts
To: Council	From: C. Matthews, Public Works Manager
Re: Barriere Secondary School Speed Limit Zone	

Background: The increase in population and associated traffic has highlighted pedestrian and bicycle safety issues along Barriere Town Road and especially in front of the secondary school. The authority to impose and or change speed limits within Municipal boundaries, resides with Municipal Councils.

Discussion: The Barriere Secondary School Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) recently reached out to District staff outlining their concerns about the speed limit and volume of traffic in front of the secondary school. They are requesting a formal "School Zone" speed limit to apply to BSS.

When contacting the School's Administration, they indicated their support with the PAC's request and noted that 30km/hr speed limits within school zones are standard practice in all communities across SD73. At present, signs are posted around the school that notify traffic of a school/playground in the area:

Without the "30km" below the sign, the speed limit remains at 50km. In early 2013 and at the request of YCS, Council added a 30km Playground Speed Zone to Barriere Town Road alongside the Ridge. This zone has the 30km limit underneath. However, staff are recommending that the location of these signs be adjusted (see sketch attached) as well.

Staff are proposing that the Barriere Secondary School speed zone be changed to a formal "30km School Zone" and that the signage be installed at appropriate locations (see attached) prior to the start of the school year. Barriere RCMP have been consulted and the Detachment is in support of the proposed changes.

Recommendation: That the Barriere Secondary School speed zone be changed to a formal "30km/8-5 School Day Speed Zone" and that the appropriate signage be installed at the locations as indicated in the attached sketch of this report.

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