

Mr. Tom McMahon
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Dear Mr. McMahon:

Thank you for your email regarding Bike to the Future's support of amendments to the Highways Traffic Act (HTA) enabling the reduction of speed in school zones.

In June of 2012 the Manitoba Legislative Assembly passed the amendments to the HTA. The goal of the legislation is to empower local governments to enact the most appropriate speed limits for schools in their communities. The amendments to the Highway Traffic Act allow local governments such as municipalities, band councils and community councils to establish maximum speeds lower than 50 km/h in school zones.

I have asked my Department to hold consultations with stakeholders such as the City of Winnipeg, AMM, and law enforcement to help determine regulations on the type, size and position of appropriate notifications and signage, as well as issues such as fine levels. Our intention is to have the regulations in place by the end of the year.

In regards to having speed limits lowered in other areas, requests to lower speed limits are currently made to the Highway Traffic Board on a case-by-case basis and the Board examines the request. Iris Murrell at the Board will be able to help you fill out an application or answer any questions you may have. You may contact her at (204) 945-0940.

Thank you for sharing your thoughts with me.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

Steve Ashton

Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation

c: Honourable Ron Lemieux