

Civic Works Committee Presentation July 18, 2016

Re: Speed Limits School Zones

IN MUNICIPAL POLITICS THERE IS A TERM HARDLY EVER USED THAT CLEARLY IDENTIFIES CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT AND DIALOGUE

OR A PROCESS BASED ON PERCEPTION AND TIME! " RULES AGAINST BIAS" WHICH IMPLIES A COUNCILLOR WHO HAS FIRMLY HELD VIEWS IS INCAPABLE OF PERSUASION.

COUNCILLORS SET POLICY AND STAFF (experts) ARE TO GUIDE WITH THEIR EXPERTISE AND PRESENTATIONS OF ALL OPTIONS TO MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS.

THE DEPUTY MAYOR ONCE SAID " NO DECISION SHOULD BE MADE UNTIL ALL INPUT HAS BEEN RECEIVED". LAST YEAR STAFF PRESENTED A REPORT INDICATING RESEARCH HAS SHOWN THAT THE BEST OPTION IS TO IMPLEMENT LIMITS DURING OPERATIONS.

WHAT YOU DON'T HAVE IS THE DATA ON IMPACT OF 24/7 IMPLEMENTATION SHOULD YOU DO ANYTHING.

DATA SHOWS NEED (IF AT ALL) IS 9% OF TOTAL ANNUAL HOURS.

Annual # of days 365 x 24 hours = 8760 hours

School days 187 x 24 hours = 4500 hours

Regular hours to / from school 187 x 4 = ~~561~~ 750 hours

QUESTIONS NOT ANSWERED:

NUMBER OF STUDENTS TO / FROM SCHOOL BY BUS?

NUMBER OF STUDENTS ON SCHOOL SIDE OF STREET?

NUMBER OF STUDENTS DRIVEN / PICKED UP BY PARENTS?

NUMBER AT TRAFFIC LIGHTS; STOP SIGNS OR CROSSING GUARDS?

FACTS: NO ACCIDENTS IN SCHOOL ZONES AFFECTING STUDENTS.

OVER A MILLION VEHICLES USE THESE STREETS YEARLY.