



# City of Prince Albert

**RPT 2026-118**

**TITLE:** 13th Street East (1st-6th Avenue) – Speed Limit Review

**DATE:** April 7, 2026

**TO:** Executive Committee

**PUBLIC:** X

**INCAMERA:**

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Bylaw No. 15 of 2026 amending the Traffic Bylaw No. 35 of 2020 be given three readings and adopted.

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

City Council Motion No. 0027 dated January 26, 2026, prompted the Department of Public Works to undertake a speed limit review for 13<sup>th</sup> Street East between 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue East and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue East. The review included analysis of traffic speeds, volumes, and SGI collision data.

Findings indicate that most motorists are already travelling well below the current posted speed limit of 50 km/hr. To better align with observed driver behavior and the corridors mix of residential and commercial land uses, Administration recommends reducing the speed limit to 40 km/hr. Implementation of this change will require an amendment to Traffic Bylaw No. 35 of 2020.

## **BACKGROUND:**

13<sup>th</sup> Street East (1 – 6 Avenue East), is classified as a two-lane, two-way minor collector roadway with a posted speed limit of 50km/hr. This road segment is illustrated in orange in *Figure 1*.

Adjacent land use on this corridor is predominantly commercial on the south side and residential on the north side. Similar to 15<sup>th</sup> Street, this route also functions to link road users between 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue East and the Central Business District.



Figure 1: 13<sup>th</sup> Street East (1 - 6 Avenue East) - Map

City Council Motion No. 0027 dated January 26, 2026:

“That Administration prepare a report in regards to reducing the speed limit from 50 km/hr to 40 km/hr on 13<sup>th</sup> Street East from 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue to 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue.”

**PROPOSED APPROACH AND RATIONALE:**

The Department of Public Works analyzed a variety of traffic statistics along 13<sup>th</sup> Street East between 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue East and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue East. This includes Average Annual Daily Traffic (AADT), average traffic speed, percentage of motorists travelling over 50 km/hr and SGI Collision Statistics. Traffic data was collected in two separate locations along this corridor; as a result, some reported values are presented as ranges. This data is shown below in Table 1.

Table 1: Traffic Statistics 13 Street East (1 – 6 Avenue)

Traffic Statistics	
Posted Speed Limit	50 km/hr
Average Speed	37 to 40 km/hr
85th Percentile Speed	45 to 47 km/hr
% Vehicles > 50 km/hr	7.1%
AADT	3100 to 3900
* Collisions (2014-2023)*	11

\*Collisions is the total number of traffic accidents on 13<sup>th</sup> Street East (1-6 Avenue) between 2014 and 2023. Collisions in the intersection of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue East / 13<sup>th</sup> Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue East / 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue are not included as many of the collisions are not impacted by the posted speed limit on 13<sup>th</sup> Street. \*

Within the corridor study it was also noteworthy that street parking was highly utilized to access residences and business on 13<sup>th</sup> Street (Image shown in Figure 2 below). This factor contributes to reduce the speed that motorists feel safe travelling on this corridor.



*Figure 2: 13<sup>th</sup> Street East On-Street Parking*

The Traffic Statistics reviewed indicate that most drivers already travel at 40 km/hr or less, with only 7.1% of residents travelling at a speed over 50 km/hr. These statistics indicate that residents feel safer travelling in a way more conducive to a 40 km/hr speed limit. Although, collisions are not common in this corridor, reducing the posted speed limit from 50 km/hr to 40 km/hr is anticipated to result in fewer and less severe collisions.

For these reasons, it is administrations recommendation to reduce the speed limit to 40 km/hr. This speed limit alteration requires the amendment of Schedule 46 within Traffic Bylaw No. 35 of 2020. This amendment is shown in Attachment 1 – Bylaw No. 15 of 2026.

#### **CONSULTATIONS:**

The City Clerks were consulted to ensure proper formatting and process of the creation of the Bylaw amendment.

#### **COMMUNICATION AND/OR ANNOUNCEMENT PLAN:**

The Department of Public Works will notify the Prince Albert Police Service of Councils decision through electronic mail to ensure that they are informed of speed limit reduction.

The Department of Public Works will install a variable messaging board on 13<sup>th</sup> Street East notifying residents of the upcoming speed limit change 2 weeks prior to implementation. The sign will specify the exact date that the speed limit change will come into effect. This allows an education period for residents prior to implementation.

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**BUDGET/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Material to install the new speed limit signs will cost approximately \$300 and will be expensed within the existing Roadways Operating Budget. All labor and equipment will be completed by the Roadways division in existing budgets.

**OTHER CONSIDERATIONS/IMPLICATIONS:**

Safety

Reducing the posted speed limit from 50 km/hr to 40 km/hr is anticipated to result in fewer and less severe collisions, better aligning with the street's commercial and residential uses.

There are no policy, privacy, legal or environmental implications to this report.

**OPTIONS TO RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That the speed limit on 13<sup>th</sup> Street between 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue East and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue East remain at 50km/hr. This is not recommended, as detailed traffic statistics indicate that most road users already travel at speeds consistent with a posted speed limit of 40 km/hr.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

Reducing the speed limit of 13<sup>th</sup> Street between 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue East and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue East reduces the likelihood of collisions on the street and supports the City of Prince Albert Value of Well-Being by prioritizing the health and safety of residents.

**OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN:**

This report aligns with the 2017 Transportation Master Plan and supports the City's ongoing efforts to deliver a safe and efficient transportation network.

**PUBLIC NOTICE:**

Public Notice pursuant to the Public Notice Bylaw No. 24 of 2015 is not required.

**PRESENTATION:**

PowerPoint Presentation provided by Evan Hastings, Capital Projects Manager.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Bylaw No. 15 of 2026
2. Bylaw No. 15 of 2026 - PowerPoint

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