



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF WASAGA BEACH

POLICY MANUAL

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POLICY: Stop Sign Installation Policy	REVIEW DATE: May 26, 2020
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PURPOSE

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POLICY REVIEW AND PROCEDURE

This procedure will be reviewed every five years to ensure that it continues to address the needs of the Town of Wasaga Beach with respect stop sign installations.

ATTACHMENTS

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STOP SIGN INSTALLATION POLICY

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II. STATEMENT OF POLICY:

Council deems it important to provide and improve public rights-of-way to ensure the safety of vehicular and pedestrian traffic within the municipality.

The Town of Wasaga Beach will determine the placement of a stop sign according to the following:

1. Installation of stop signs in new developments is regulated by the Ontario Traffic Manual, Book 5 (OTM) and the Town of Wasaga Beach Engineering Standards. They are installed in accordance with the design drawings for the development, which have been "Accepted for Construction".
2. Any stop sign requested, other than Item #1 above, will be evaluated based on the Ontario Traffic Manual warrants, for the safety of motor and pedestrian traffic.

Stop signs are to be used at the following locations where traffic signals are not provided:

- a) At the intersection of two King's Highways; and at the intersection of a County or Regional road with a King's Highway in a rural area;
- b) At the intersection of a County or Regional road with a King's Highway in a built-up area;
- c) At the intersection of a city street or township road with a King's Highway;
- d) At the intersection of a minor street or road with a through street or highway;
- e) At unsignalized intersections in a signalized area, except where they would interfere with traffic signal progression;

- f) At intersections where the application of the normal right hand rule or yield control would be unduly hazardous; and
- g) At intersections which have experienced a record of collisions of the type which are susceptible to correction by STOP control.

III. DEFINITIONS:

"*Council*" means the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Wasaga Beach.

"*Director of Public Works*" means the Director of Public Works or designate for the Corporation of the Town of Wasaga Beach.

"*Engineering Standards*" means the Engineering Standards developed for the Town of Wasaga Beach, as amended from time to time.

"*Ontario Traffic Manual*" means the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) design guidelines comprised of a number of books developed to provide information and guidance for transportation practitioners.

"*Public Works Department*" means the Public Works Department for the Corporation of the Town of Wasaga Beach.

"*Stop Sign*" is a regulated traffic sign by the Highway Traffic Act to notify drivers that they must stop before proceeding.

"*Town*" means the Corporation of the Town of Wasaga Beach.

IV. OBJECTIVE CRITERIA FOR CONSIDERATION:

Stop signs are regulatory signs and have legal status under both the Highway Traffic Act and Municipal By-law. The Town of Wasaga Beach will consider visibility, surrounding land use, type of roadway, collision frequency and volume of traffic, as outlined in the Ontario Traffic Manual Book 5 when making recommendations and decisions regarding installation of a stop sign.

V. POLICY FOR APPROVAL:

Requests for a stop sign will be evaluated by the Town of Wasaga Beach Public Works/Engineering Department and approved or denied by the Director of Public Works or designate, based on the following objectives:

- 1) The stop sign is needed to improve the safety of the motoring and pedestrian public as described in Section I - Purpose (of stop signs); and
- 2) The requested stop sign must meet the warrants for installation as per the Ontario Traffic Manual Book 5, Regulatory Signs.

VI. PROCEDURE FOR EVALUATION OF NEED AND APPROVAL:

The process for approval for installation of a new stop sign by the Public Works Department will begin by a request from a resident or business owner as follows:

Request:

- A. Requests for stop signs may be made by residents, business operators, or other users of the highway.
- B. Requests shall be submitted to the public works department using the attached request form.
- C. Upon Receipt of the request, the Public Works Department will undertake a field survey and public safety evaluation of need including undertaking a traffic and pedestrian count analysis. The guidelines for review are found in the Ontario Traffic Manual Book 5 as previously noted.
- D. If the request is denied, the Director of Public Works will inform the person making the request.
- E. The applicant may appeal the denial to the Public Works Committee, who may overturn the Director's decision.
- F. If the request is approved, the Director of Public Works shall direct the order and installation of the new stop sign and make a recommendation report to the Public Works Committee and a By-law to Council; pending approval of the by-law from Council, the director will coordinate and will inform the property owner(s) making the request.
- G. The actual date of installation will be determined after the By-law has been passed by Council.

VII. APPLICATION:

Any person requesting a stop sign shall do so by completing the [Stop Sign Request Form](#) and mailing it to:

Town of Wasaga Beach - Public Works Department
30 Lewis Street, Wasaga Beach, ON
Email: publicworks@wasagabeach.com
Fax: (705) 429-8226