

## School Zone Safety Initiatives

With the back-to-school season right around the corner, the Town of Pelham will implement a series of school zone safety initiatives.

In support of Goal 3 of the strategic plan "Protect People and Property", the department of public works has identified a need to improve and make consistent safety initiatives for all school zones on Town roads.

The three general initiatives are speed limits, school crossing and safety traffic calming, and general safety.

Town roads included five school zones for four schools. These zones are generally in effect during specific time periods during school days and can be as long as 150 meters beyond the school's property limit. The speed limit through school zones is 40 km/h.

Notably, improvements at St. Ann's school will include curb work, paint and signage. Improvements at Wellington Heights will include the installation of a new pedestrian crossover, with paint and signage.



Diagram courtesy of Ontario Ministry of Transportation

## UPDATE: Poth Street Culvert Repair



A council-requested report on the Poth Street culvert replacement project was reviewed and discussed Monday evening, highlighting the challenges the project faces, most notably the results from the geotechnical survey.

The results of the initial survey indicated that the soils, tested to the typical extent, could not support the weight of the replacement culverts and roads. The depth for stable soil was not identified at 15.2 meters, which is where the investigation ended.

"The engineering firm doing the design has required that proper

design needs proper geotech to know what you're founding it on," said Andrea Clemencio, director of public works. "They've gone down 50 feet and they haven't been able to find anything of strength to know that the structure would be sound to take the loads that are predicted."

Once geotechnical investigation concludes, the depth of favourable ground conditions and the design is adjusted accordingly, estimates for construction will be updated and communicated to Council. With Council approval, staff can tender the project at that time accordingly.

## Pelham Town Council

**Next meeting: Tuesday, September 5, 2017  
6:30 p.m. Council Chambers**

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